



Watch the episode about

from 01:06 to 05:02.

1. What would be the definition of environmental racism from the show?

We all suffer from exposure to pollution in this country but some significantly more than others.

2. Quote data supporting the existence of environmental racism in the US:

African Americans are exposed to 38 percent more polluted air than White Americans
 African Americans are 75 percent more likely to live in communities that border a plant or a factory
 Black Americans are nearly three times as likely to die from exposure to pollution

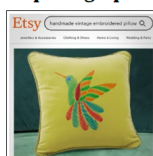
3. What is the key data proving the existence of environmental racism according to the journalist? Explain.

The disparity in exposure persists even when controlling for income. One study found that on average Black Americans earning two hundred thousand dollars were exposed to more air pollution than White Americans making twenty-five thousand dollars.

4. What are the medical consequences of air pollution?

Air pollution is one of the driving factors behind conditions like heart disease, asthma and death.

5. Can you remember what is the joke corresponding to the photograph and how it is related to the subject?


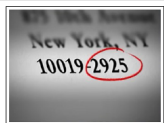



01:42 Racism is one of the few things in this country more powerful than money.

02:38 It seems when white people don't want something any more they either dump it on minority communities or sow a hummingbird on it and list it on Etsy as handmade vintage – that is garbage.

04:48 Some things are just weird coincidences, Like John Adams and Thomas Jefferson died on the same day but the possibility to overlay redlining maps with industrial maps is no coincidence.

6. Quote one spatial or geographic example of environmental racism.

	In 2008 there was a massive spill of coal ash in Tennessee (Harriman) with tons of toxic waste dumped into a largely white community. They removed 4 million tons of it. The bad news is it was then dumped 300 miles away in this largely black community called Uniontown.
	The zip code is the most important predictor of health and well-being: zip codes are not created equal. You can find zip codes that are adjacent to each other and have a life expectancy disparity of 10-15 years depending on what's in that neighbourhood and what's not in that neighbourhood.
	In Dallas, you can take a redlining map from the 30s-40s and overlay that on a current industrial map of Dallas: it will show Black and Brown folks are forced to live side by side with heavy industry.

7. Mention a historical factor of environmental racism.

It was explicit federal policy for decades to segregate housing based on race through a process known as redlining: black people could not get government-backed home loans where white people lived. And the areas where they could live were often also zoned for industrial uses.

8. Give your own definitions for "redlining."

Redlining is a discriminatory practice in which financial services are withheld from neighbourhoods that have significant numbers of racial and ethnic minorities.

9. What is the information that shocked you the most?

10. Now come up with your own jokes for the following information.