In 2006, United for a Fair Economy collaborated with leading experts on the racial wealth divide to write "The Color of Wealth." This graphic is released in 2021 in honor of the 15th anniversary of this groundbreaking book.

"Until government policy recognizes and compensates for its own responsibility for the racial wealth gap, the U.S. will never have racial or economic justice."

**INCOME is like a river**
A flow of money that is added to existing reserves, like from a job.

**WEALTH is like a reservoir**
A reserve that can be tapped into when needed. Wealth is the total of a family's assets, minus debts.

**INCOME can run dry**, leaving those without wealth vulnerable in the face of economic downturns and disasters like Covid-19.

**1 in 5 Indigenous people are uninsured.**

**6 out of 10 Black and Latinx households** compared to **3 out of 10 white households**.

**Median household income** by race/ethnicity:
- **White Income**: $77,100
- **Latina Income**: $51,000
- **Black Income**: $47,900

Trans people color are **4X more likely to be unemployed.**

Income varies widely by race, contributing to wealth inequality.

**Access to WEALTH provides for more advantages and opportunities than income alone.**

**The TOP 1% wealthiest Americans own 40% of the wealth pie, while 99% of people share the rest (unequally).**

For every one dollar of wealth owned by a single white man, a single white woman owns 56 cents, a single Black woman owns 1 cent, and a single Latinx woman owns less than 1 cent.

The racial wealth gap continues to grow. In the last 30 years, Black families’ wealth dropped by over 50%, while White families’ wealth increased.

**HOW WE GOT HERE**
U.S. history is like a series of pipes, funneling wealth to a privileged few. This inequality compounds over generations.

**PRINCIPLES FOR A FAIR ECONOMY**
- Invest public resources into communities of color.
- Pass progressive taxes to pay for reparations.
- Break down barriers to wealth building.
- Create policies with an anti-racist lens.

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