

REAL ESTATE DISCRIMMINATION



In an unusual, if not unprecedented, move, the National Association of Realtors (NAR) took full ownership for any and all discriminatory actions taken over the years by the 1.4 million agents and brokers for which it speaks.

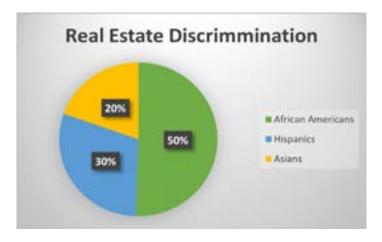
Of course, realty pros are not the only ones who have been complicit, lenders, appraisers and homeowners all played their part in directing people of color away from white neighborhoods, pushing them into more expensive financing or denying them access to homeownership altogether.

In the state of Florida, the news recently shined the light of racist actions by one real estate agent who refused to show a black family a \$250,000 home without having a letter from the bank. Hours later, a white family came into the agency asking to see a home valued at the same price, this time the agent quickly grabbed her purse and proceeded to show the family multiple locations. When the family asked if they needed a letter from the bank, she laughed and quickly said no, when the report aired the real estate agent was immediately fired and the company had to apologize stating this was not standard practice.

Unfortunately, it is standard practice, on the day Charlie Oppler became president of NAR (the nation's largest trade association) in 2021, he immediately apologized on behalf of the business for past policies that contributed to segregation and racial inequality in America. In 1968, the group opposed passage of the Fair Housing Act; and at one time, it excluded some members of the profession based on both race and sex.

The discrimination was all part of what NAR now says was a "systematic policy" of residential racial segregation led by the federal government and supported by the banking system and other segments of the real estate business. But two recent events, in particular, underscored the need for the association to take the racial inequity bull by the horns.

One was a three-year investigation by New York publication Newsday, which found widespread separate and unequal treatment of minorities by nearly 100 Long Island agents. Published in late 2019, the study covered some 5,750 listings and found that Asians were discriminated against 19% of the time; Hispanics, 39% of the time; and African Americans, 49%.



According to a 2018 report published by the American Sociological Association, racial composition is "inextricably linked" to housing appraisals. The study found that in Harris County, Texas, comparable houses in Black and Hispanic neighborhoods were "valued systematically lower" than in white communities.

In August 2019, a New York Times story shined the light on a mixed-race Florida couple who suspected bias when an appraiser valued their house far less than neighboring properties. After the couple removed family photos and books by Black authors — personal effects that would indicate a Black person lived there — a second appraiser said the place was worth more than 40% more.

Oppler said that his organization intends to "look the problem squarely in the eye" and assume a leadership role in fighting for fair housing going forward. In that regard, it has adopted an initiative it calls ACT: Accountability, Cultural Change.

BLACK WEALTH MATTERS



The family home continues to hold iconic status for most Americans; it's a tangible indication middle class has been achieved; this is also a sign of guaranteed membership into a neighborhood - a defining characteristic of who people are and how they raise their children.

The home is also a family's hedge against economic reversals and rent increases in the community; with each monthly payment, families who buy, rather than rent protect themselves against the risk of rising rents.

Traditionally, they also build wealth in their home, securing an appreciating asset that can provide them rent-free housing in their old age, a source of funds in an emergency, and possibly an inheritance for their children. Assetcoin Capital Fund (ACF) ntends to bring back the "American Dream" to as many people as possible through real estate ownership.

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"I don't think it is an exaggeration to say that financial literacy, economic empowerment, and wealth building is going to be the last leg of the civil rights movement. Because one step toward financial literacy takes you two steps toward personal empowerment."

- Russell Simmons













