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Civil Rights Theories Seminar
Spring 2022

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K Rosenthal, A VandeVusse, BJ Hill - Sexuality Research and Social Policy, 2020 - Springer

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SSRN's Race & Social Inequity hub highlights early-stage research related to systemic racism, racial violence, law enforcement reform, and social justice movements. This hub presents curated insights from many disciplines that might inform the ongoing conversation about race and culture that was triggered by the murder of George Floyd and subsequent global protests. It is our hope that these insights from fields of study such as criminal justice, anthropology, political science and philosophy will help eradicate racism and bring about lasting change. It is important to note that these papers have not been edited or benefited from the pivotal role of peer-review, which validates and improves the quality of final published journal articles.

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CRITICAL RACE THEORY: A PROPOSED STRUCTURE AND APPLICATION TO FEDERAL PLEADING

11 Harv. BlackLetter L.J. 85

Harvard BlackLetter Law Journal
Spring, 1994

Roy L. Brooks

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I. INTRODUCTION

Critical Race Theory (CRT) is a collection of critical stances against the existing legal order from a race-based point of view. Specifically, it focuses on the various ways in which the received tradition in law adversely affects people of color as individuals but as a group. Thus, CRT attempts to analyze law and legal traditions through the history, contemporary experiences, and racial sensibilities of racial minorities in this country. The question always lurking in the background of CRT is this: What would the legal landscape look like today if people of color were the decision-makers?

Developed and applied in the context of civil rights, CRT has never been systematically applied to any area of civil procedure. This is surprising given that procedural rules affect one’s access to the courts and that courts, as a general matter, have been more instrumental in effectuating positive social change for people of color than either the legislative or executive branch of government. Many of the most important civil rights were nurtured in the litigation context.

While access to the courts and, hence, civil procedure are important in the struggle for racial equality, it is not readily clear whether any procedural doctrine is suitable for race-conscious analysis. This is particularly true with respect to the well-established doctrine of federal pleading. From all appearances, this doctrine appears to be created in a certain implementational effect. What then would appear about the doctrine of federal pleading when analyzing it from a CRT perspective?
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- JSTOR
- Sage Premier Journals
- SpringerLink Journals
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Readex databases covering African American history

- Black Life in America (news sources)
- Civil Rights in America (publications and reports submitted and published by Congress)
- American Race Relations: Global Perspectives 1941-1996 (reports, publications, and news broadcasts covering the fight for racial justice in the U.S. and abroad)

- Access via LRC’s databases page
Civil Rights in America
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Researching Civil Rights Litigation

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The Civil Rights Litigation Clearinghouse, at the University of Michigan Law School, brings together and analyzes information and documents about important civil rights cases across the United States. It is organized by case category. Currently, the categories include:

- Child Welfare
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- Education
- Election/Voting Rights
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- Equal Employment
- Fair Housing/Lending/Insurance
- Immigration and/or the Border
- Indigent Defense
- Intellectual Disability (Facility)
- Jail Conditions
- Juvenile Institution
- Mental Health (Facility)
- National Security
- Nursing Home Conditions
- Policing
- Presidential/Gubernatorial Authority
- Prison Conditions
- Public Accommod./Contracting
- Public Benefits / Government Services
- Public Housing
- School Desegregation
- Speech and Religious Freedom

For details on these case categories, click here. As of today, February 28, 2022, the Clearinghouse is posting at least partial information on 9,693 cases, including a litigation summary for each, as well as 68,677 dockets, complaints, filings, opinions, settlements, court orders, and other documents. Some of these cases are historical, but many more are current; the site is strongest for cases from the 1990s to present.

The site is dedicated to injunctive rather than damages litigation—that is, to cases seeking policy or operational change, not cases seeking money. For each of the categories, our eventual goal is to include a close-to-comprehensive catalog of the cases in which plaintiffs have actually been awarded or negotiated such change.
Transgender and Non-Binary Leaders Tell Federal Court Trans People Deserve Joy at Any Age

Prominent transgender and non-binary people as well as businesses, professional associations, and medical professionals are speaking out against Arkansas’ ban on gender affirming health care.
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Most Black Americans say they can meet basic needs financially, but many still experience economic insecurity

BY KHADIJAH EDWARDS

Most Black adults say their household finances meet basic needs with either a little or a lot left over for extras, even amid economic disruptions due to COVID-19. Yet financial challenges exist. Fewer than half of Black adults say they have an emergency fund, and some have taken multiple jobs to make ends meet, according to a recent Pew Research Center survey of Black Americans.

The survey also finds that Black Americans typically experience higher levels of economic insecurity than Americans overall. This is especially true among Black adults under age 50. A majority of Black adults, ages 18 to 50, say their household finances meet basic needs with either a little or a lot left over for extras. By comparison, a similar share of White adults of the same age say that's the case.

Most Black adults say they can meet their basic needs with at least a little left over for extras

% of Black adults who, describing their household financial situation, say they ...

Meet basic needs with ...
For Black adults with more than one job, multiple incomes often essential to meeting basic needs

About 15% of Black adults say they have worked more than one job at the same time in the 12 months prior to the survey. Among those who have, 45% say they did so because the combined income was essential, and another 28% say the combined income helped meet basic needs.

The share of Black Americans who worked multiple jobs differs across demographic subgroups.

Black adults with a postgraduate degree are among the most likely educational subgroups to say they worked more than one job at the same time – 21% say this. Meanwhile, 18% of Black adults with a bachelor’s degree and 16% of those with a college degree but without a bachelor’s degree say they have worked more than one job at the same time.

Among Black adults who had more than one job at the same time during the 12 months prior to the survey, % who say they did so because ...

- The combined income ...
- Was essential for meeting my basic needs: 45%
- Helped me meet my basic needs, but it was not essential: 28%
- Was nice to have, but I could live comfortably without it: 18%
- Something else: 8%

Note: Black adults include those who say their race is Black alone, Black and at least one other race and non-Hispanic, or Black and Hispanic. No answer responses not shown. “Some college” includes those with an associate degree and those who attended college but did not obtain a degree. Family income tiers are based on adjusted 2020 earnings.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Oct. 4-17, 2021.

https://pewrsr.ch/3M6hhnA
Note: Here are the questions used for this survey, along with its responses, and its methodology.

Topics: Black Americans, Economic Conditions, Personal Finances, Income & Wages, Poverty

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Research Capabilities
NORC strives to accurately and respectfully understand the lived experiences of individuals from different backgrounds and sees being a diverse and inclusive organization as critical to achieving those ends. By applying culturally responsive methodologies and authentic engagement processes with diverse communities, we inform practical, evidence-based strategies to reduce inequality at the intersections of race, ethnicity, social class, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, and geographic location. Our approaches include:

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- Program Evaluation
- Training and Technical Assistance
- Strategic Planning
- Program Planning and Support
- Technical Expert, Partner, and Community Member Meeting Facilitation
- Resource Center Management
Statistical data & analysis

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https://data.census.gov/cedsci/

Bureau of Justice Statistics (DOJ)
http://www.bjs.gov/

Publications & analysis vs. raw data
Sources of Statistics for Legal Writing

Background Information

There are several main access points for numerical data and descriptive statistics provided by the United States government. Here you will find overview material and links to aggregated data provided by the government to measure and keep track of information of national interest.

- The USA Data and Statistics page from USA.gov is where you should begin your search for federal government statistics. Scroll down to "Find Data and Statistics from the Government" to find an overview of the agencies responsible for collecting statistical information and the types of data they provide. Scroll to "U.S. Census Data and Statistics" for an overview of the types of surveys and data products the Census Bureau provides.
- The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) coordinates the U.S. federal statistical system. This overview page provides links to standards and directives, and describes the 13 federal agencies and many other federal programs that issue U.S. statistics, in a highly decentralized system. The OMB page can be another good place to orient yourself to the federal statistical system.
- Data.gov is the main gateway to the U.S. government's open data, easily searchable by topic, with downloadable data sets for each agency.

In the tabs to the left you will find links and guides to federal agency sources of statistics, sorted by topic.

Data release schedules for the federal agencies collecting statistics are organized here by the Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology (FCSM). If you are tracking a specific agency's data, you may wish to become familiar with its release schedule.

If you would like to read a background text on the use of statistics before incorporating data into your own work, two useful primers on statistics are:

- **Statistics Without Tears: An Introduction for Non-Mathematicians** by Derek Rowntree
  ISBN: 9780141967491
  Publication Date: 2010

- **How to Think about Statistics** by John L. Phillips
  ISBN: 0805072551
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