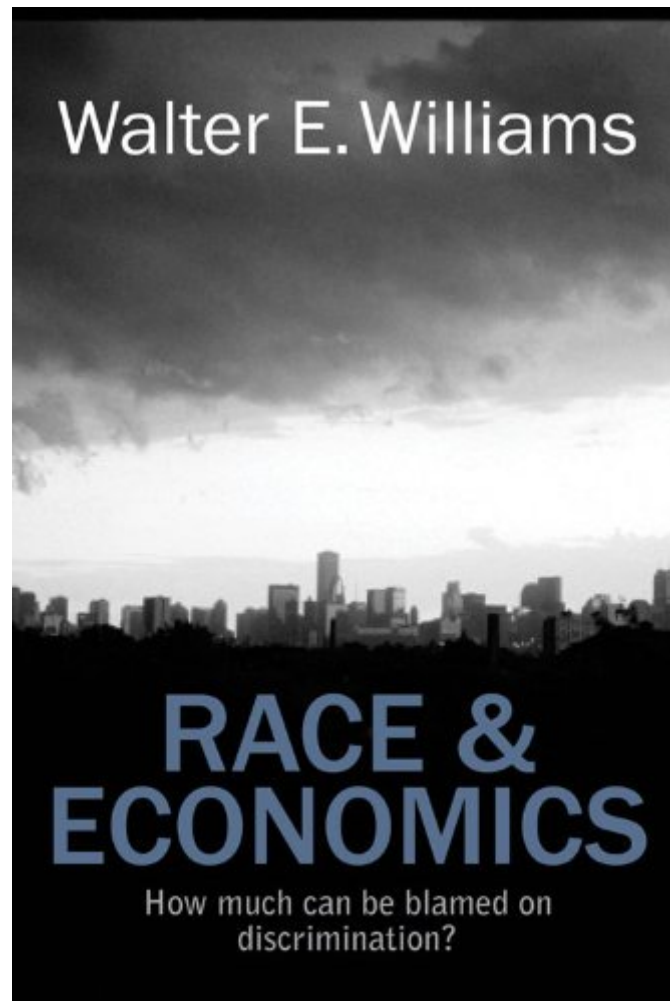


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# Race & Economics: How Much Can Be Blamed On Discrimination? (Hoover Institution Press Publication)



## Synopsis

Walter E. Williams applies an economic analysis to the problems black Americans have faced in the past and still face in the present to show that that free-market resource allocation, as opposed to political allocation, is in the best interests of minorities. He debunks many common labor market myths and reveals how excessive government regulation and the minimum-wage law have imposed incalculable harm on the most disadvantaged members of our society.

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Many people see racism as a problem that exists in the private sector, that can be solved by officials in the public sector. Walter Williams turns this popular view of racism on its head. Public policies often put minorities at a disadvantage. Racists often find it easier to discriminate through public policy than through private enterprise. Williams is extending the cost-driven theoretical arguments of Gary Becker on the economics of discrimination. He uses many interesting examples to support the idea that government intervention serves as the primary means of discrimination: minimum wage laws, licensing, and other restrictions on otherwise free markets. These are controversial

propositions that will offend some readers. Hopefully most people will read it critically and in so doing benefit from its well reasoned and supported arguments.

A home-run by Williams. This is another book I wish I could afford to buy for every member of Congress. It explains, clearly enough for a statist to understand, how government policy has disadvantaged black people in the last 60 years. We are going to pay a terrible price for these bone-headed policies. Get a copy for your legislators as well. Robert A. Hall  
Author: The Coming Collapse of the American Republic (All royalties go to a charity to help wounded veterans)

I am a college student who was forced to read Piven & Cloward's work last semester. I remember questioning their theories and wondering why they continued to use blame and resentment as a form to support their assertion that more gov't central planning benefits blacks and minorities. This book proves that all gov't intervention has proven to infact harm blacks and minorities, instead of helping them climb out of poverty. I think this is a great book that would help Blacks to understand that the so called glorious New Deal programs ended up resulting in more unemployment for their race. Don't just listen to the liberal crap universities want to push down your throat. READ, READ AND READ, and then come to your own conclusions.

This book clearly shows that the government, read democrat, aid for minorities, read black, have harmed rather than helped black economic advancement. Contrary to other fantasies, economic reality would help all minorities advance. Easy reading.

This book should be read by all old and young. It should be used as an instructional manual in High Schools. But I'll bet it will never be permitted by school boards. Love Walter Williams work and throughly enjoy reading his books. It is very easy to read and an extremely interesting account of US History, US policies/Laws and how they relate to economics. If you care to know the truth of what makes this country tick this is a great starting point.

This is a brilliant, brilliant book, filled with sharp, original, compelling ideas on every page. Soundly argued and authoritatively supported. Deep scholarship matched with downright common sense. It would be impossible, I should think, for anyone to read this book and not learn something new. One of the best books I have read in years (and I read a lot).

This book is a thoughtful, well-researched look at how the government's attempts to solve perceived 'racial discrimination' problems have created the opposite of intended results. The author exposes not only the fallacy of much of this thinking, but also how the government solutions have worsened the plight of minorities. To anyone interested in actually helping their fellow American, this is a very valuable work.

This is a great book. Williams takes on many issues and makes his case well. Fundamental economics can be very counter-intuitive so books like this are useful as explanations and evidence. Highly recommended....everyone should read this.

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