




BLACK WOMEN IN THE U.S. ARE 243 PERCENT MORE LIKELY TO DIE FROM PREGNANCY RELATED CAUSES THAN WHITE WOMEN

This is independent of parity, age or education.
It produces one of the largest racial
disparities in women's health.

SOURCE: ProPublica



**ON AVERAGE, BLACK WOMEN WITH HIGHER INCOMES & COLLEGE EDUCATIONS
HAVE WORSE HEALTH THAN WHITE WOMEN WHO HAVE NOT GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL**



“ Much of American history, these type of disparities were largely blamed on blacks’ supposed susceptibility to illness—their “mass of imperfection,” as one doctor wrote in 1903—and their own behavior. But now many social scientists and medical researchers agree, the problem isn’t race, but RACISM. ”

Source: Black Mothers Keep Dying After Giving Birth. Shalon Irving’s Story Explains Why

Credit: Nina Martin/ProPublica as shared with Renee Montagne/NPR-All Things Considered

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**Telling Our Truth –
the descendants
of the African
slave in America**

John Hope Franklin,
American Historian
and Author provided
us us with this
platform as an
example of such with
his book *From Slavery
to Freedom A History
of African Americans*,
first published in 1947.

Slavery & Freedom

1400 – 1877

Five hundred years ago, a new form of slavery transformed Africa, Europe, and the Americas. For the first time, people saw other human beings as commodities—things to be bought, sold, and exploited to make enormous profits. This system changed the world.

The United States was created in this context, forged by slavery as well as a radical new concept, freedom. This is a shared story, a shared past, told through the lives of African Americans who helped form

*We've got to tell
the unvarnished truth.*

JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN 2005

The Role of the African Slave in America

Chattel – personal property of slaveowners and used as a commodity to work and reproduce.



Picture Source: Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture
Credit: William Cowper, Poet, *Pity for Poor Africans*
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Illustration of Dr. J. Marion Sims with Anarcha by Robert Thom. Anarcha was subjected to 30 experimental surgeries. Pearson Museum, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine

SOURCE: PEARSON MUSEUM, SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE