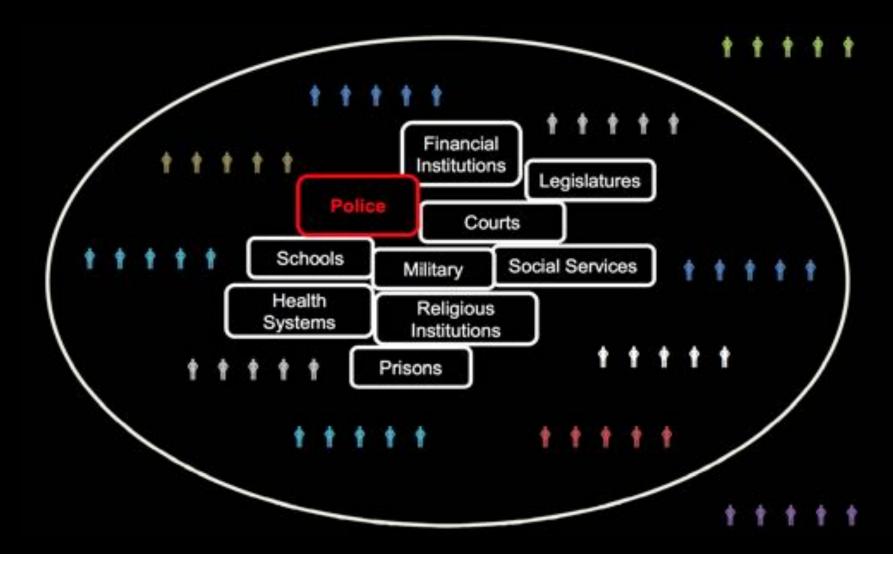
# Legal Estrangement, Policing, and the Problem of Segregation in America

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### Legal Estrangement

A social, political, and historical process that produces group separation from legal authorities and ultimately, the state and society.



## What is Residential Segregation?



Uneven geographic distribution of ethnic groups across a coherent geographic area (*separation*),



Movement of marginalized ethnic groups into identifiable and stigmatized enclaves (*concentration*),



In order to establish and reproduce hegemonic racial hierarchy (*subordination*),



In order to control and hoard social and political opportunity for advantaged groups in ways that are collectively harmful (*domination*).

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Coordinating with

Other Bureaucracies

They had pools and stuff! We didn't know pools out there. We didn't know how nice it was.

So, we was just looking around, just looking, just roaming the streets, just looking at everything. -Richard

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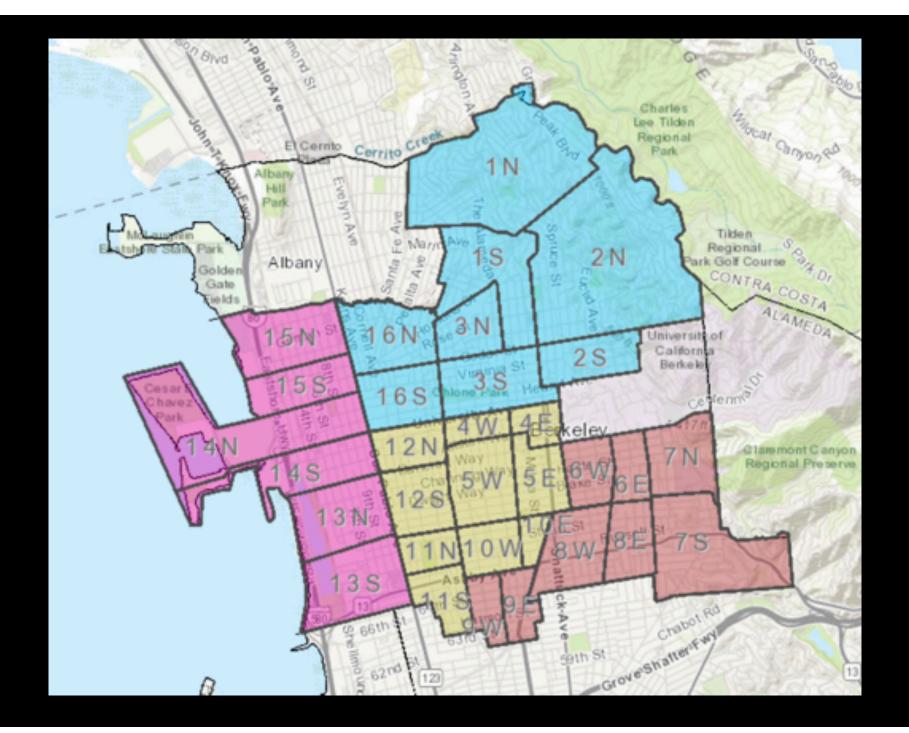


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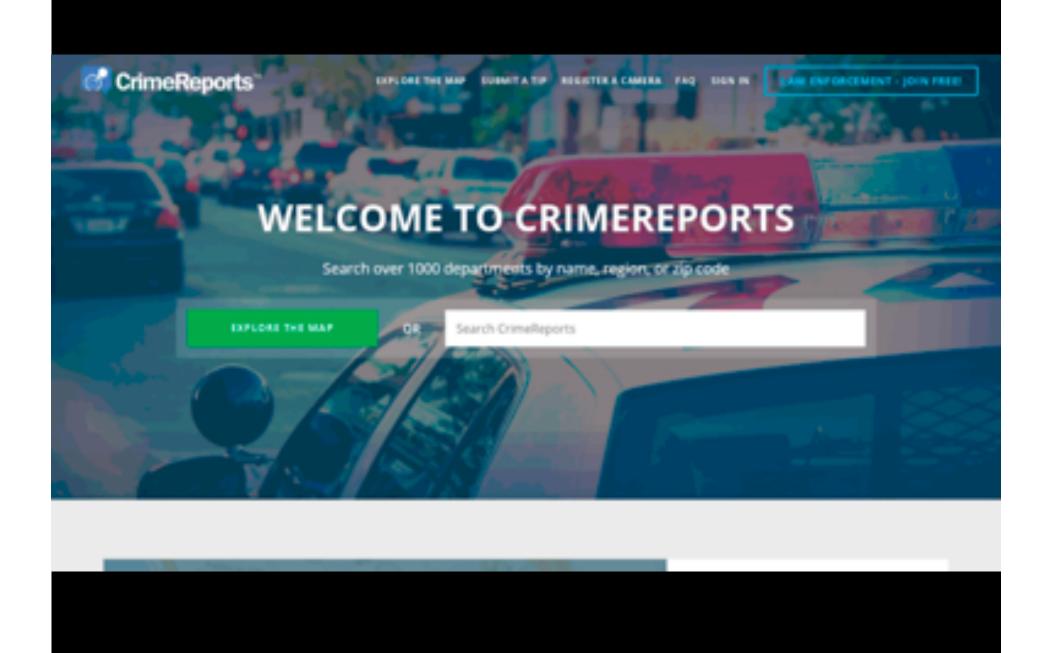
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They said that Mansfield police were like, you know, pretty tough. So knowing that . . . . and when I mean tough, I mean kind of, like, racist.

-Jennifer



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The police are amazing. . . . When we had issues with the neighbors or there was an accident that we saw outside or there was a line down outside, immediate. Our taxes go to great use. .

They're high, but we get what we pay for.

-Ann & Ron

## **Anti-Segregation Policies & Practices**



### Fair Housing Law



Reckoning with Tragic Pasts, Presents, and Futures



**Reconceptualizing Police Districts** 



Strategic Non-Response