

# Equity & Inclusion

## Lecture 4

# Small & Newman (2001)

- Geographic location & social networks
- Family, Culture, Neighborhood + “Poverty”

“*The Truly Disadvantaged* argues that, since 1970, structural changes in the economy, such as the shift from manufacturing to service industries and the departure of low-skilled jobs from the urban centers, increased black joblessness in central city ghettos (Wilson 1987, 1991a, 1996).”

- For Wilson the solution is jobs.
- “Underclass” -- social isolation, geographic concentration, joblessness (Wilson)
- sociologists' debate over the dynamics of urban poverty: “Does the underclass itself perpetuate inequality?”
- Does urban poverty affect life chances of the poor?

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## Trends to Watch

- Demographic shifts taking place in cities and growth of large metro areas in west and southwest
- Re-entry of middle class into certain cities
- Cultural literature in urban poverty, very weak
- Key problematic: How to understand the origins and development of urban cultures

# Harvey (1992)

Drugs & real estate. organized crime. capitalism.

“And what should the policy-maker and planner do in the face of these conditions? Give up planning and join one of those burgeoning cultural studies programmes which revel in chaotic scenes of the Tompkins Square sort while simultaneously disengaging from any commitment to do something about them? Deploy all the critical powers of deconstruction and semiotics to seek new and engaging interpretations of graffiti which say ‘Die, Yuppie Scum’? Should we join revolutionary and anarchist groups and fight for the rights of the poor and the culturally marginalized to express their rights and if necessary make a home for themselves in the park? Or should we throw away that dog-eared copy of Jane Jacobs and join with the forces of law and order and help impose some authoritarian solution on the problem?” (59)

# Harvey (1992)

- What is Social Justice?
- 1960s as crisis point rule and decision-making of U.S. democratic institutions “radical doubt”
- Financial crisis of 1973. Industrialization. Attacks on labor. Market as lead problem solver and social distributor. “Justice and rationality of a certain sort, rather than their total abandonment.” (597)
- Iris Marion Young five faces of oppression
- What is “just planning”?
- the mobilization of political power among the oppressed in society is increasingly a local affair, unable to address the structural characteristics of either market or welfare state capitalism as a whole.

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