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# **New York City Equal Employment** Practices Commission

- Why segregation is worth thinking about
- A short history of US desegregation
- Some examples of variation across (federal) government departments and their connection to earnings.
- The necessity of leadership buy-in, accountability, transparency, and clear metrics to produce changes in hiring and retention.
- Apologies

## Job segregation is a powerful mechanism

- producing pay inequalities
  - Sorting by job skill, power, and pay
  - In the long run gender and race composition of jobs can influence pay levels
- influencing promotion and turnover rates
- reinforcing cultural distinctions, status, respect



#### July 2, 1964 PRESIDENT JOHNSON SIGNS THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

## Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

#### made it illegal for an employer to

- (1) fail or refuse to hire or to discharge any individual, or otherwise to discriminate against any individual with respect to his compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, because of such individual's race, color, religion, sex, or national origin
- (2) limit, **segregate**, or classify his employees or applicants for employment in any way which would deprive or tend to deprive any individual of employment opportunities or otherwise adversely affect his status as an employee, because of such individual's race, color, religion, sex, or national origin

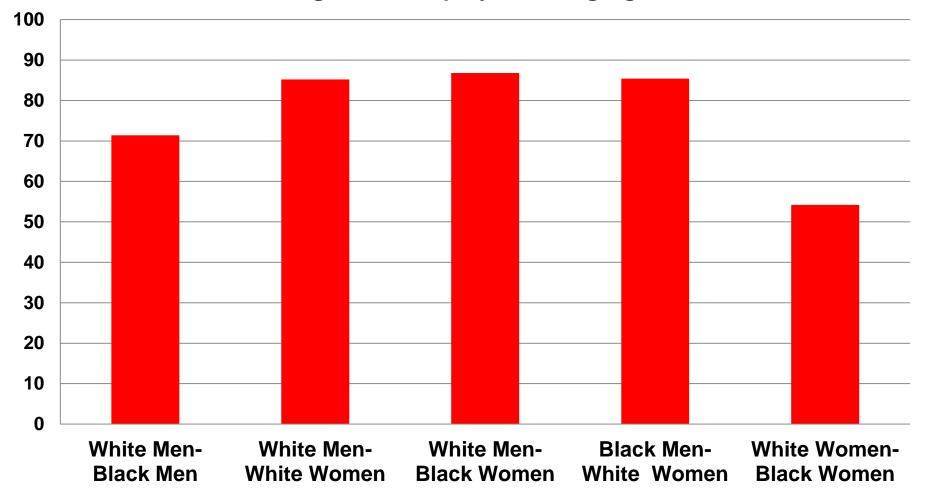
# How to monitor progress toward equal opportunity?

- Exclusion
- Pay Gaps

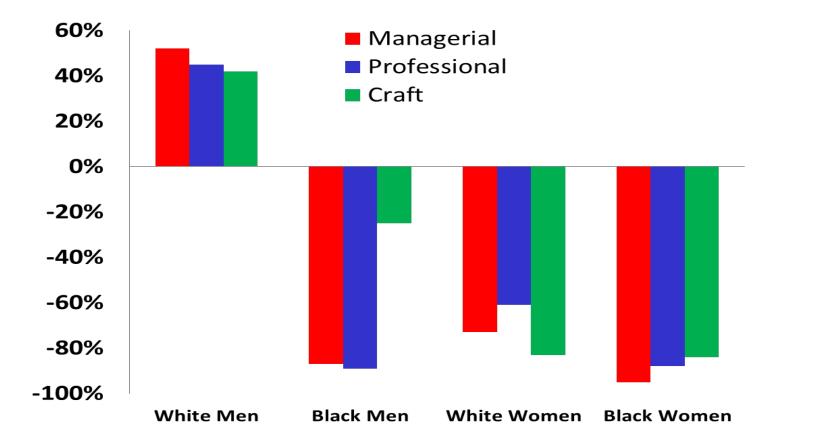
#### Segregation

- Measures internal firm/agency job sorting
- NOT YES OR NO, BUT HOW MUCH?
- Index of Dissimilarity
- Supplement with measures of good job representation

#### National Average Firm Employment Segregation in 1966



#### **1966 Representation Relative to Group Composition in the Local Labor Market**



# Pressures for Equal Opportunity

# Pressures for Segregation

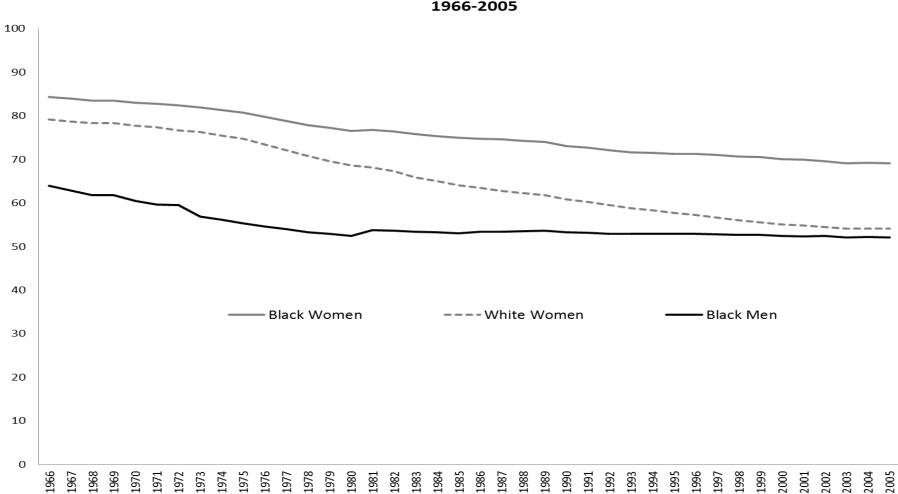
## **Pressures for Segregation**

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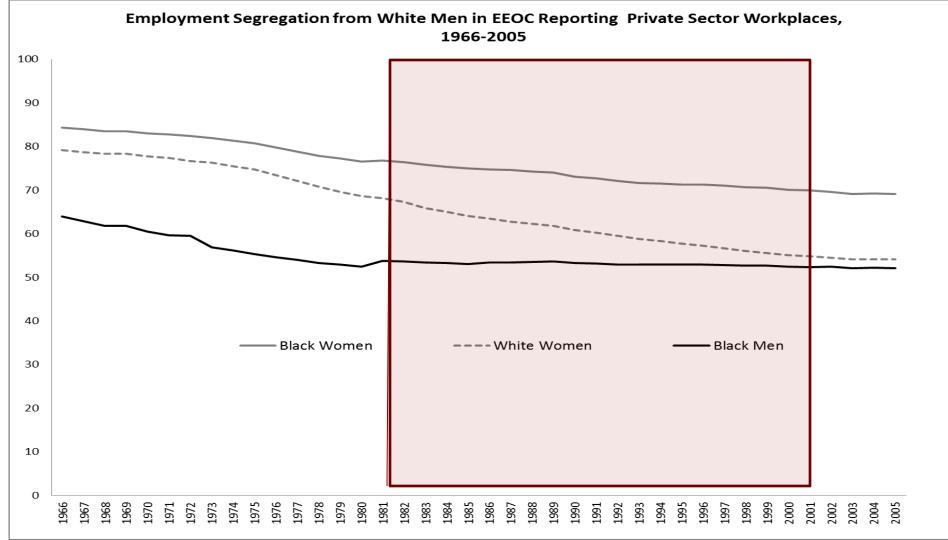
- Institutionalization
  - Law
  - Custom
- Organizational Practices
  - Exclusion
  - Segregation
- Individual Bias
  - Prejudice
  - Stereotypes, Cognitive
     Bias
  - In-group Preferences

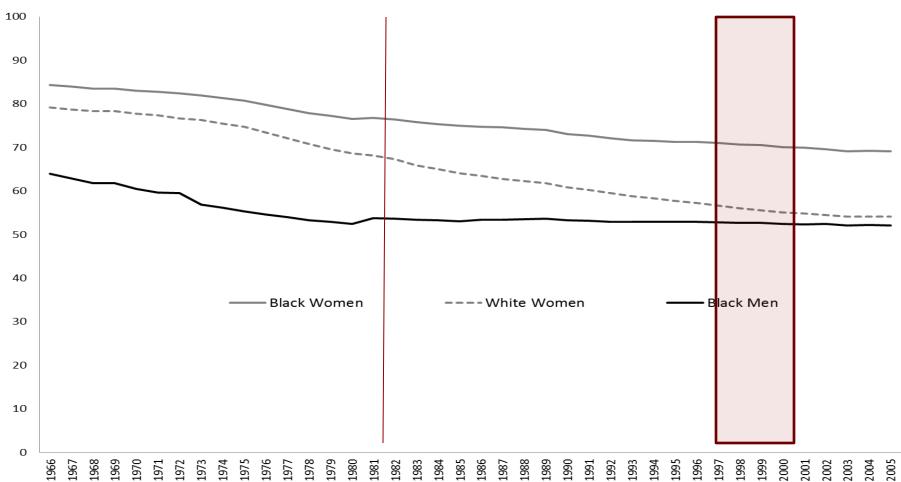
#### Now

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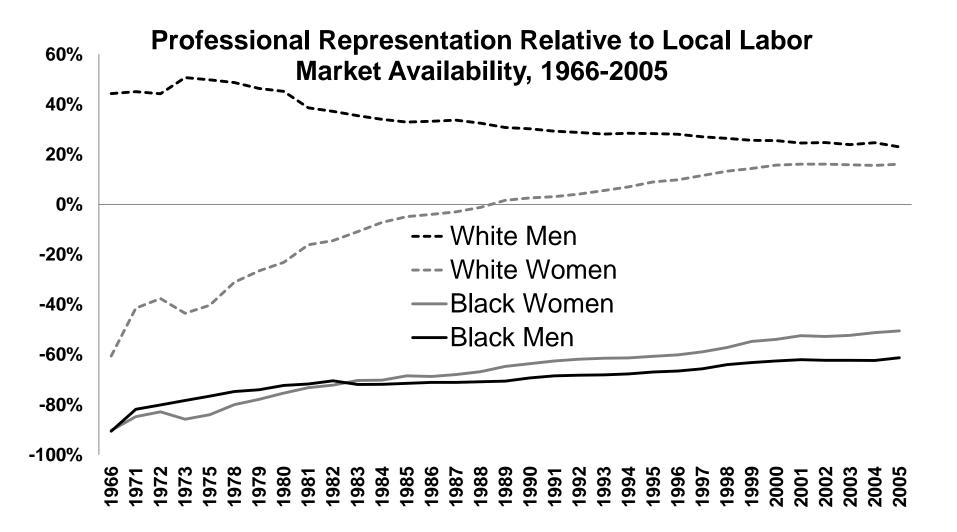


#### Employment Segregation from White Men in EEOC Reporting Private Sector Workplaces, 1966-2005





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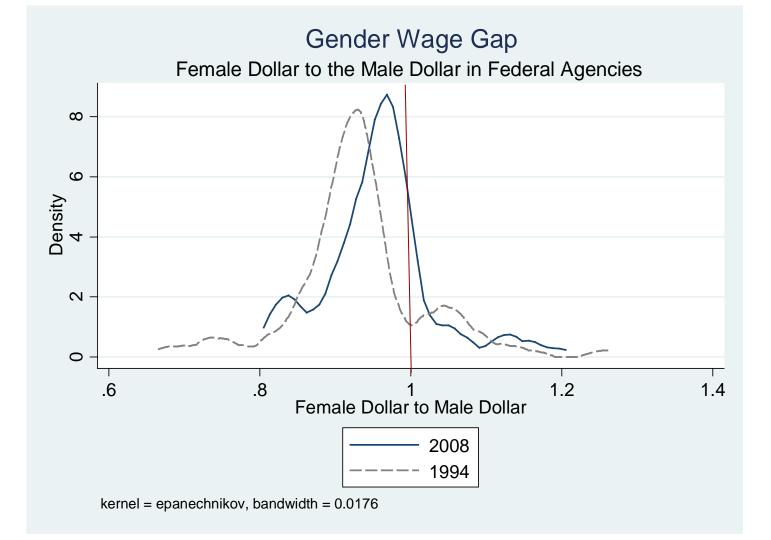


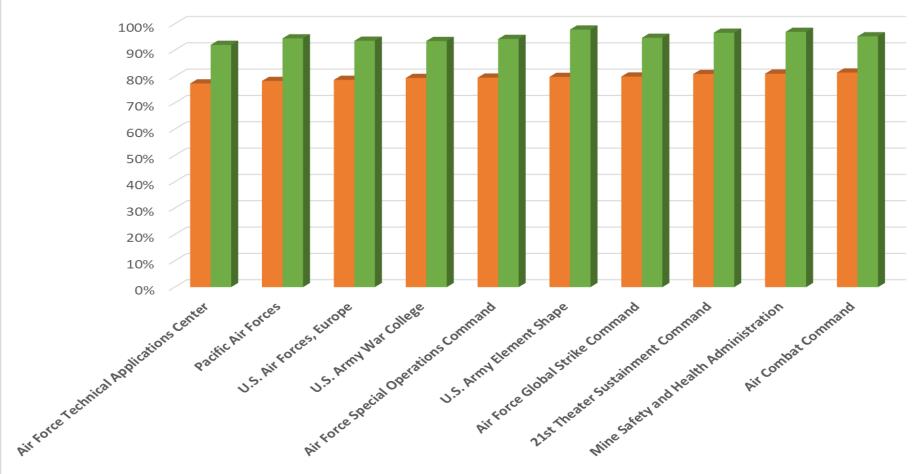
#### What about the public sector?

- By the 1980s least segregated
- Lowest pay, promotion, firing race and gender disparities
- But "new governance" models of management have come to make public look more like the private sector.
  - Increased use of private sector via outsourcing
  - Increased managerial autonomy
- Increasingly looks like the private sector in terms of racial inequality

# Hiring, firing, promotion, turnover are all local

- Firm level processes determine national and even city trends
- Lot's of organizational variation
- Some agencies are probably doing very well
- Others are probably lagging
- So let's look at some real workplaces

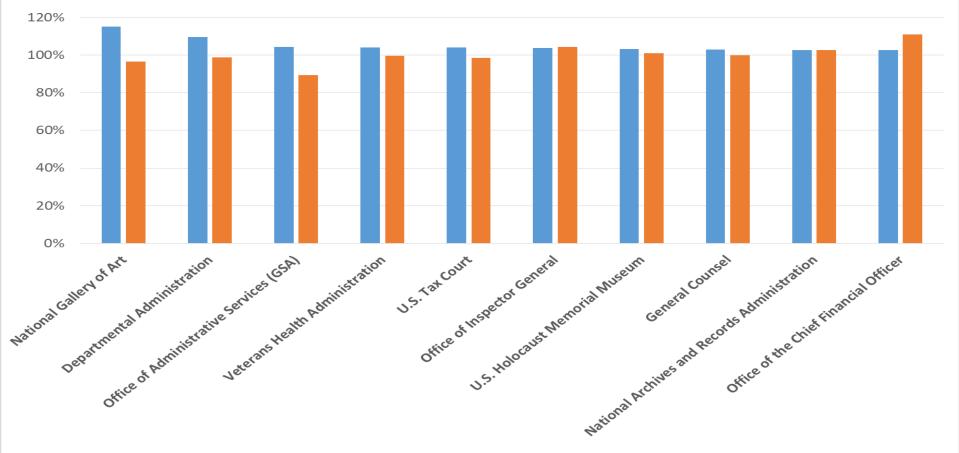




10 Largest Gender Pay Gaps Among U.S. Federal Agencies, 2014

Women's Pay as % of Men's, Net of Qualifications
After Accounting for Segregation

#### 10 Most Gender Equal Pay Federal Agencies 2014



Women's Pay as % of Men's, Net of Qualifications After Accounting for Job Segregation

## What about New York City?

- There is likely a great deal of variation across agencies
- Agencies are likely to have strengths and weaknesses

What does research say about moving workplaces toward equal opportunity?

- 1. Leadership buy-in
- 2. Clear metrics
- 3. Accountability
- 4. Transparency

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	Managers employed here compared with		All employees here compared with	
<ul> <li>Underrepresentation</li> <li>Equal representation</li> <li>Overrepresentation</li> </ul>	Local managers in this industry	All local managers	All local employees in this industry	All local employees
White men	+	✓	✓	✓
White women	-	✓	✓	✓
Black men	✓	✓	✓	✓
Black women	-	-	-	-
Latino men	✓	✓	✓	✓
Latina women	-	✓	-	✓
Asian men	✓	✓	✓	✓
Asian women	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pacific Islander men	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pacific Islander women	NA	NA	NA	NA
American Indian men	NA	NA	NA	NA
American Indian women	NA	NA	NA	NA

NA = Population not adequately represented to permit evaluation.

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