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Email from Alesha Monteiro: 4 Reasons coronavirus is hitting black communities so hard.....

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.....and how I would argue that there are actually 5 reasons.

Good Morning Mr. Scott! I just finished reading your article. It says it's from April, which is kind of dated I know but I don't care, it's a great article which I am about to use as my proof of facts against a complete stranger on social media. It's early, it's Sunday, kids are all still in bed....why not, right?

So anyway, as I was reading the article I kept thinking that you would include a point that I didn't see . Black people make up around 13% of the US population yet we make up almost 35% of the US prison population. Add the disproportionate rate of incarceration for the black man, to the fact that Coronavirus spreads 8 times faster inside prison than in the free world. Throw in the fact that most, if not all prisons have at least a part of the facility that is open dorm style living. And then of course the icing on the cake is the completely incompetent way that the prison systems are handling Coronavirus and, at times, even leaving some wondering if it's being done intentionally, if they are introducing to facilities on purpose. The very discernible, palpable indifference has been nothing short of infuriating.

Anyway, just a thought if there is ever an update to this story.

Thanks for letting me take up a few minutes of your time with what really equates to me just making a really long comment and forcing you to listen just by virtue of sending it via email. But I digress and thank you kindly anyway :)

Best Regards,

Alesha Monteiro