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FIGHTING SENIOR POVERTY THROUGH LAW

Mythbusting: Older Adults & Equity

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Justice in Aging is a national organization that uses the power of law to fight senior poverty by securing access to affordable health care, economic security, and the courts for older adults with limited resources.

Since 1972 we've focused our efforts primarily on fighting for people who have been marginalized and excluded from justice, such as women, people of color, LGBTQ+ individuals, and people with limited English proficiency.

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Justice in Aging's Commitment to Advancing Equity

To achieve Justice in Aging, we must:

- [Advance equity](#) for low-income older adults in economic security, health care, housing, and elder justice initiatives.
- Address the enduring harms and inequities caused by systemic racism and other forms of discrimination that uniquely impact low-income older adults in marginalized communities.
- Recruit, support, and retain a diverse staff and board, including race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity and presentation, sexual orientation, disability, age, and economic class.

Myth 1

Older adults are not impacted by equity.

Two ways systemic discrimination impact older adults.

- Ageism
- Racism and other forms of systemic discrimination

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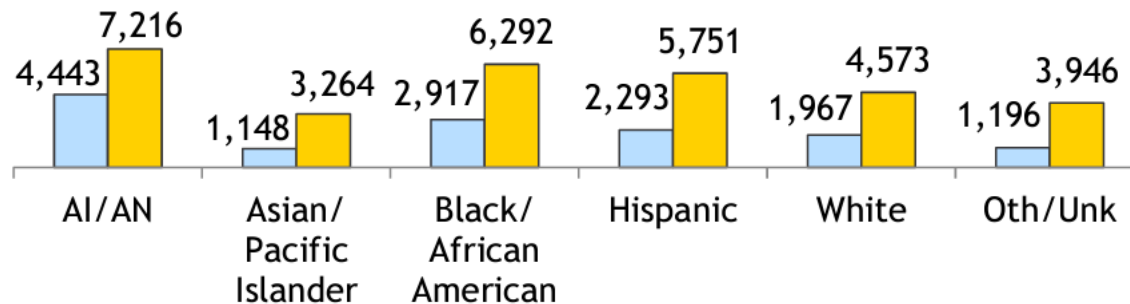
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- Transmission of COVID-19 in Nursing Facilities
- Rates of Institutionalization among Racial Groups

Myth 2

- Race and poverty are interchangeably linked.

COVID-19 Hospitalizations Per 100k



Myth 3

Advancing equity is not part of my job.

- Older Americans Act “targeting”
- Newsom Executive Order N-16-22
- CalAIM
- Biden Executive Orders 13985, 14091



Questions?

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