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**CER: How have healthcare policies, city planning, and other government systems in the U.S. limited who has access to healthcare services?**

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“As the Columbia University historian Ira Katznelson and others have documented, it was largely at the **behest** of Southern Democrats that farm and domestic workers — more than half the nation’s black work force at the time — were excluded from New Deal policies, including the Social Security and Wagner Acts of 1935 (the Wagner Act ensured the right of workers to collective bargaining), and the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, which set a minimum wage and established the eight-hour workday. The same voting bloc ensured states controlled crucial programs like Aid to Dependent Children and the 1944 Servicemen’s Readjustment Act, better known as the G.I. Bill, allowing state leaders to effectively exclude black people.” (Excerpt)

“Professional societies like the American Medical Association barred black doctors; medical schools excluded black students, and most hospitals and health clinics segregated black patients. Federal health care policy was designed, both implicitly and explicitly, to exclude black Americans. As a result, they faced an array of inequities — including statistically shorter, sicker lives than their white counterparts.” (Excerpt)

“So you maybe had a couple of white doctors that would check on black patients. But again, even the white doctors that would attend to the black patients would do that after they took care of all of their white patients, so it was second-class in every conceivable way. But it’s not just black Americans who are not getting enough care. It’s many poor white Americans as well. So at that time, most Americans were not insured. And the insurance that did exist was employer-based, which means you had to get a certain type of job where the employer actually offered this benefit, and then you could have it. The problem for black people and for poor white people is that they didn’t have those kinds of jobs that offered health insurance, so they had to pay out of pocket.” (Podcast)