# Advancing the Dialogue Around Race for the Insurance Industry

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## Journey of African-American Insurance Professionals



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The Journey of African-American Insurance Professionals



## **Acculturation/"Fitting In"**

Being judged differently.

## **Access to Opportunities**

Fewer chances to take on new work, fewer chances to fail.

#### **Racism and Bias**

At times obvious, at times unconscious.

## **Mentorship/Sponsorship**

Needed, but not available or accessible.



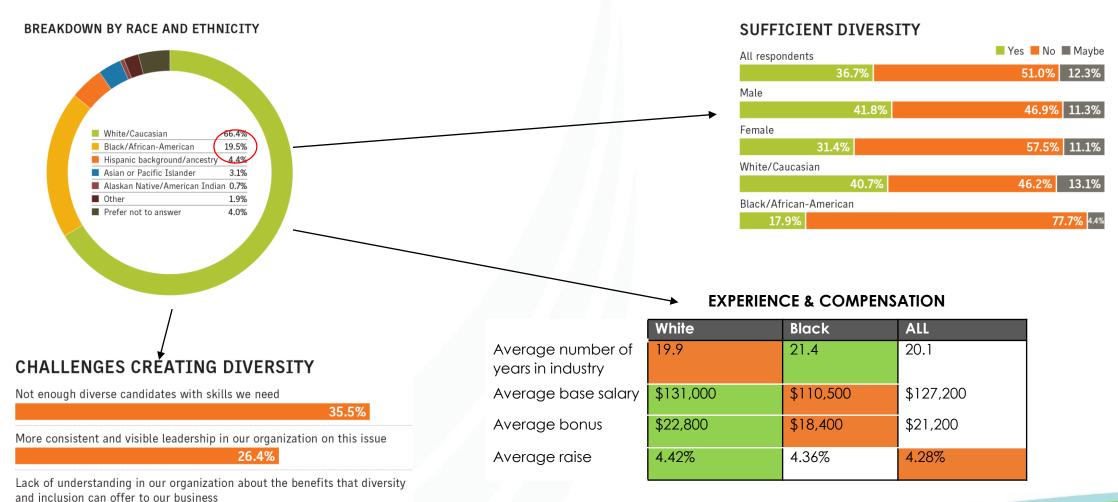
# Why Is Race So Difficult to Talk About in the Workplace?





## 2018 Business Insurance Diversity Survey

**Respondents:** 823 US-based insurance and risk professionals. Majority = Women, Middle Managers, Agents/Brokers, and Boomers.





23.8%

## Racism in Many Forms

#### Individual Racism

Pre-judgement, bias, or discrimination by an individual based on race.

#### Institutional Racism

 Policies, practices, and procedures that work better for white people than for people of color, often unintentionally or inadvertently.

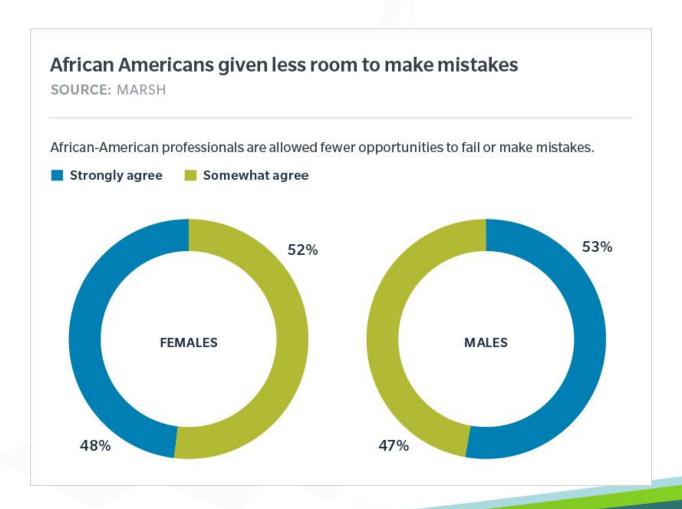
#### Structural Racism

 A history and current reality of institutional racism across all institutions, combining to create a system that impacts communities of color.





## Are African Americans Allowed Fewer Opportunities to Fail or Make Mistakes?





## What Roles Should Companies Play?



intersectionality

identity

**DISCRIMINATION** 

**Managers** 

**SOCIAL MEDIA** 

inclusion

Culture CEO

**Diversity** 

equity

Industry HR

politics

Corporate Social Responsibility

**Board of Directors** 

**CIVIL RIGHTS** 

injustice



## What's Next?













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