

Klassenfrage

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It is not that racism does not continue to play an immense role in the lives of black people. It is rather that, as Cooper has observed: „Ignoring class divisions in Black America over the last 40 years has allowed the benefits of racial progress to be concentrated upon the Black middle and upper classes while the Black poor [have largely been excluded](#).”