

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 6, 1998  
**TO:** Dr. I. M Smart  
**FROM:** Me  
**RE:** Median Family Income Trends

As you requested, I have analyzed the trends for median family income in the United States for the years 1972-1987. Below you will find a graph that represents the trends over this time period for three racial/ethnic groups. As you can clearly see, White families in the United States have significantly higher median incomes over the 15 years studied when compared to Black and Hispanic American families. If anything, this gap slightly widened towards the end of this period. If you have any additional questions about this issue, please let me know.

