

SEEING IN COLOUR: A FRAMEWORK TO ADDRESS ANTI-BLACK RACISM IN HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

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BACKGROUND

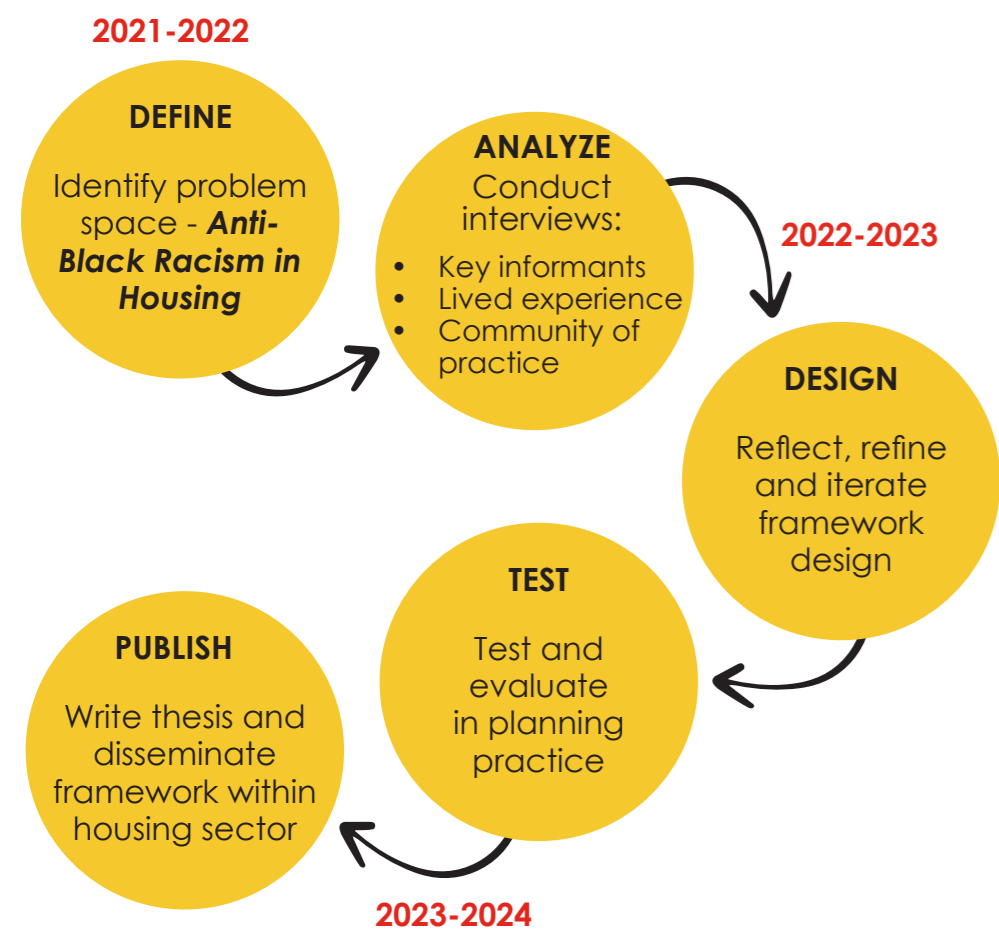
Black Canadians experience overrepresentation in homelessness and core housing needs due to Eurocentric planning approaches and insidious anti-Black systemic racism, violating their rights to equitable housing. Further research is needed to understand the intersections between race and housing.

INTRODUCTION

This research will utilize a multi-method approach oriented in lived experience and interviews with key informants and Black people in the shelter system to develop a framework addressing anti-Black racism in the housing and homelessness sector. The framework will be applied to proposed and current housing policies to identify where they can be discriminatory, adversely impacting Black Canadians. The findings could raise the awareness of the housing sector and policy-makers on the experiences of Black Canadians, inform targeted policy interventions that centre Black voices, and ultimately advance Black Canadians' access to housing.

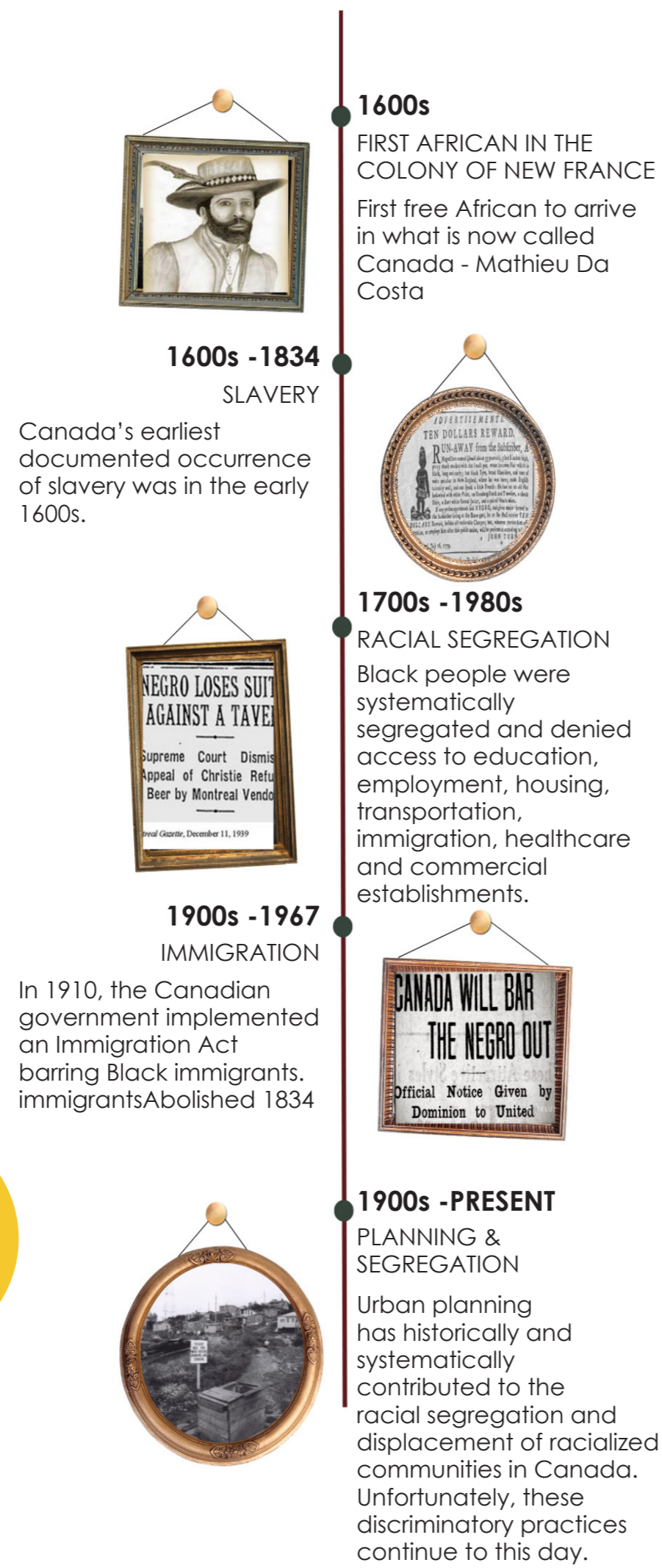
METHODOLOGY AND TIMELINE

Multi-method approach: Afrocentric, autoethnographic, and design science research methodologies.



PAST: BLACK HISTORY

Black Canadians' experiences with housing precarity and social inequities are rooted in Canada's colonial historical legacy of legalized slavery, dispossession, racial segregation, racism and discrimination towards Black people.



PRESENT: RESULTS

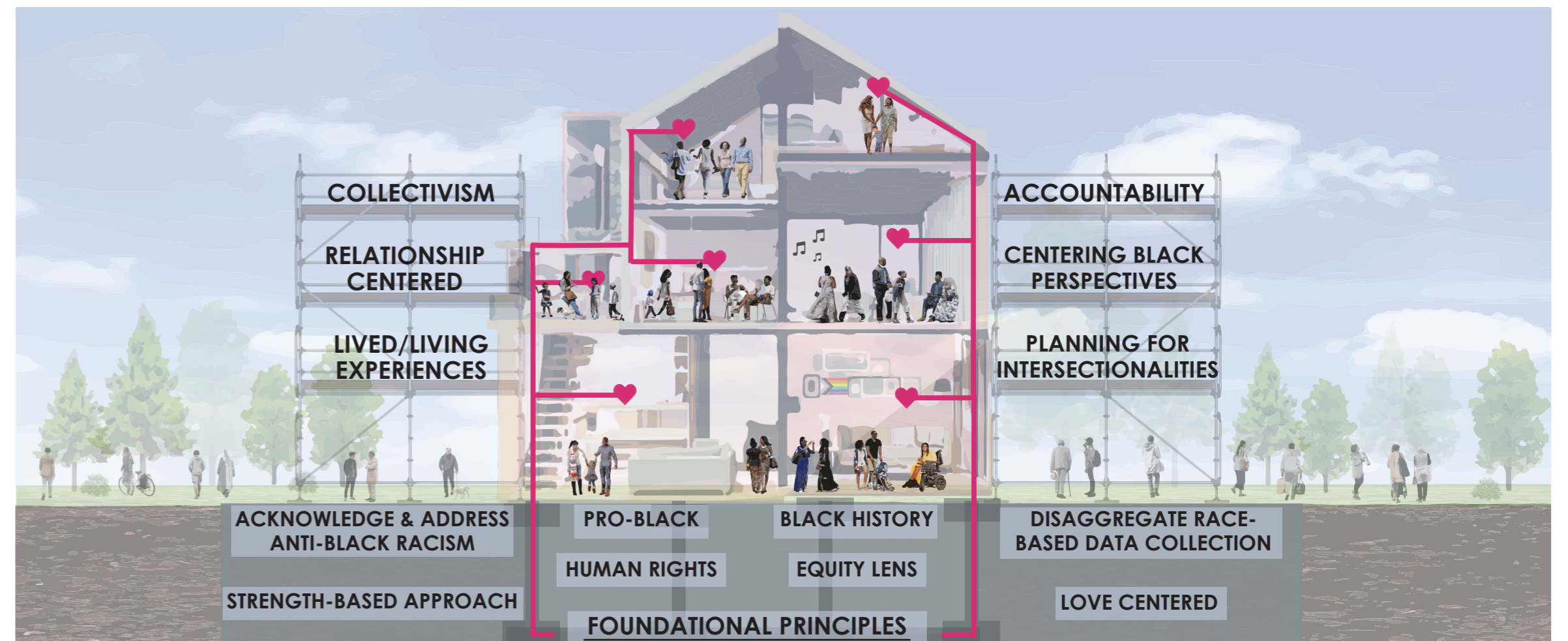
Seven Black individuals interviewed in emergency shelters revealed how systemic failures across sectors due to anti-Black racism led to housing insecurity. Literature reviews substantiated an overrepresentation of Black Canadians in various sectors, attributed to discriminatory policies and practices. This research identified how anti-Black systemic racism contributes to housing instability.

ANTI-BLACK SYSTEMIC RACISM AS A PATHWAY TO HOUSING INSTABILITY



TOWARDS A FRAMEWORK

Semi-structured interviews were conducted with nine key informants to identify guiding principles for addressing anti-Black systemic racism. These principles will guide policy-makers in creating equitable housing policies for Black Canadians.



FUTURE: NEXT STEPS

1. Explore the application of the framework.
2. Test the framework and application with key informants and lived/living experience groups.
3. Document results.

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