



The Disproportionate Effects of Climate Change

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Climate Change

- Hotter temperatures
 - Air pollution
- More frequent & severe storms & heat waves
 - Drought
 - Rising sea levels
 - Biodiversity loss
 - Health Risks

- Ocean warming & acidification
 - Flooding
 - Diseases
 - Wildfires
- Irregular weather patterns

How are low-income communities and BIPOC disproportionately affected by climate change and what can we do about it?

DATA AND FINDINGS

75% African Americans are **75% more likely** than White people to live in fenceline communities

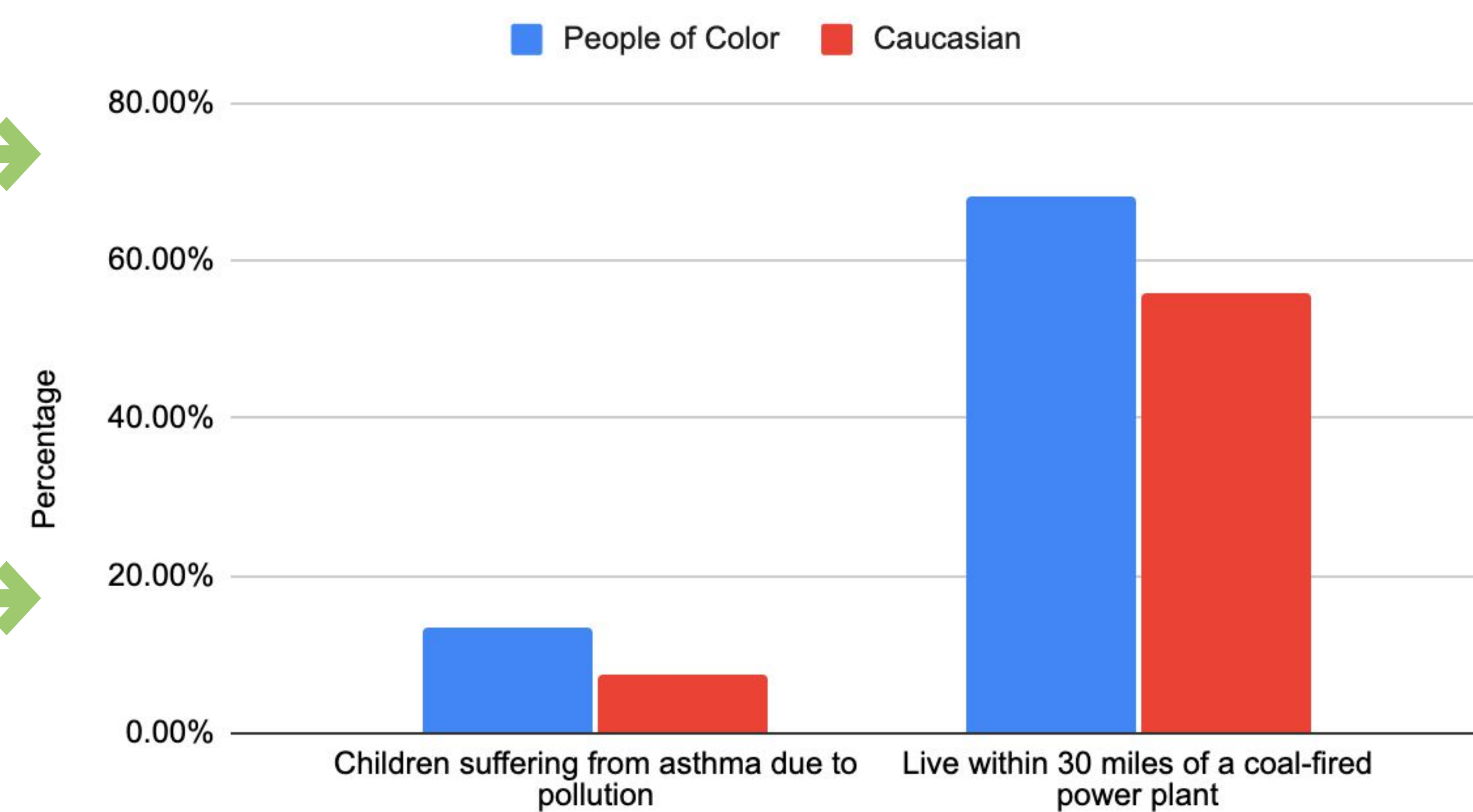
Approximately 13.4% of African American children suffer from asthma due to pollution as compared to only 7.3% of White children.

African Americans make up 13% of the US population, and 68% live within 30 miles of a coal-fired power plant, compared to 56% of Whites who make up 60% of the population.

African Americans breathe air with **38% more pollution** than Whites and are exposed to **56% more pollution** than they cause

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Climate Change - BIPOC vs. Caucasian People



IMPLICATIONS AND NEXT STEPS

The progression towards combating climate change is in full force, but not enough is being done.

To get a cleaner planet with more equity, governments must provide incentives.

Actions:

- Save energy
- Switch to renewable energy
- Drive an electric car
- Reduce waste
- Spread awareness



RESEARCH METHODOLOGIES



1 The inquiry approach used was descriptive research to gather quantitative data.



2 The data collection tools used were databases and texts mainly retrieved from sources including american.edu, greenamerica.org, and cdc.gov.



3 The data analysis techniques used included descriptive and inferential statistics to summarize the data.

CONCLUSIONS AND ANALYSIS

- After extensive research, it can be concluded that low-income communities and communities of color are disproportionately victimized by environmental hazards and are far more likely to live in areas with heavy pollution, are more susceptible to flooding, and are more likely to die of environmental causes.
- Poor families and people of color have done the least to create the climate crisis, and yet, they're paying the greatest price.



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