# LA Voice Youth Cohort Kickoff Event

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## **Purpose, Outcomes, & Process (POP)**

Purpose

**Outcomes** 



To provide a mini-training and introduction to organizing.

Provide participants with an opportunity to create interpersonal relationships

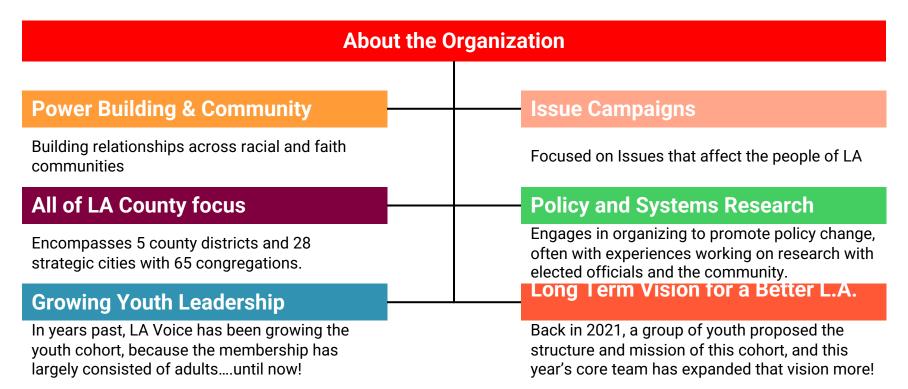
### **Purpose, Outcomes, Process**

Process

Introductions	What is the Youth Cohort	Community Building	Introduction to Organizing	Conclusions	Next Steps
					July 31st on zoom (Leadership Team)
					OR Sept. 17 location tbd 12-2pm (Youth Cohort)

## What is LA Voice?

A multi-faith & multi-racial community organizing group in LA County.



## Poll Time!





## **LA Voice Youth Cohort**

**Mission Statement** 

#### 2021

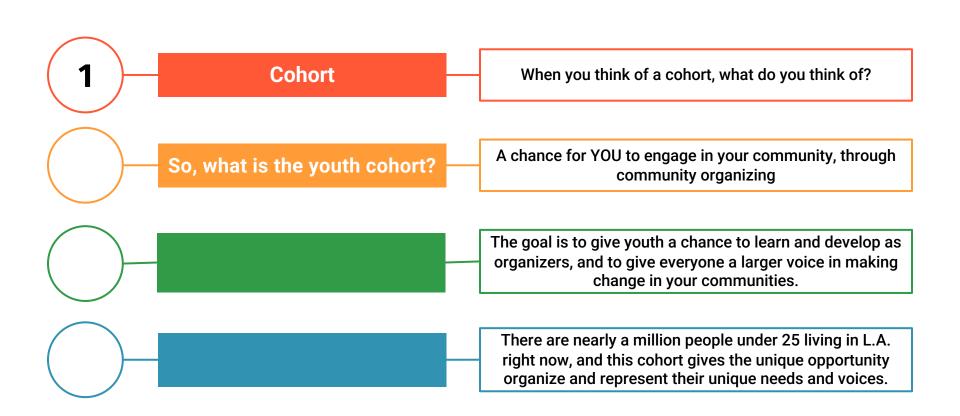
The LA Voice Youth Cohort is a community of young advocates and leaders, ages 13-23, who are committed to promoting belonging, community and to building collective power across youth leaders of faith in LA County.

The Youth Cohort stands for diversity, inclusion, and justice.

#### 2023

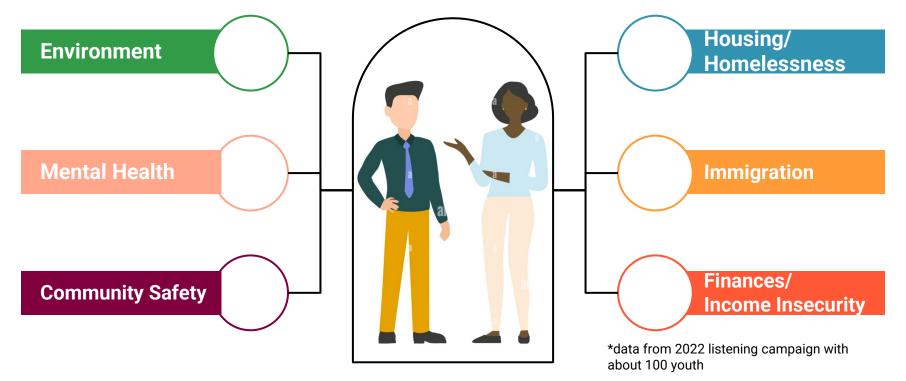
Now, is your chance to join our mission as a youth cohort and help make change in your community through community organizing!

## Your Turn!



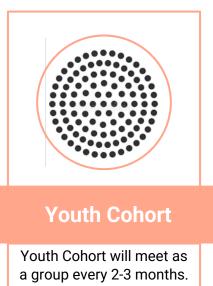
## Share with a partner/small group

What are some pressing issues in your community? How do you see these show up/manifest in your community?



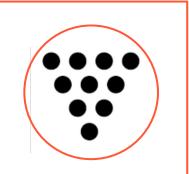
## Youth Cohort Structure and Opportunities to be Involved:

Get more involved in our larger community!



Opportunities to join actions/events as participants.

Connect with people all across Los Angeles to build knowledge about issues that affect the communities represented by all of you here today.



#### Youth Organizing Leadership Team

Youth Organizing Team will meet monthly to help plan the events, lead the actions, and get organizing training



## From Passion to Action Intro to Advocacy & Community Organizing

#### **Snowball Game!**



## We fundamentally believe that...

# Young people can <u>and will</u> make CHANGE.

What issues are you passionate about?



## WHAT IF I TOLD YOU



## **Some Definitions**

VS.

Advocacy

Advocacy works "within the system" to generate change

Organizing to create systems-change (long term)

#### Activism

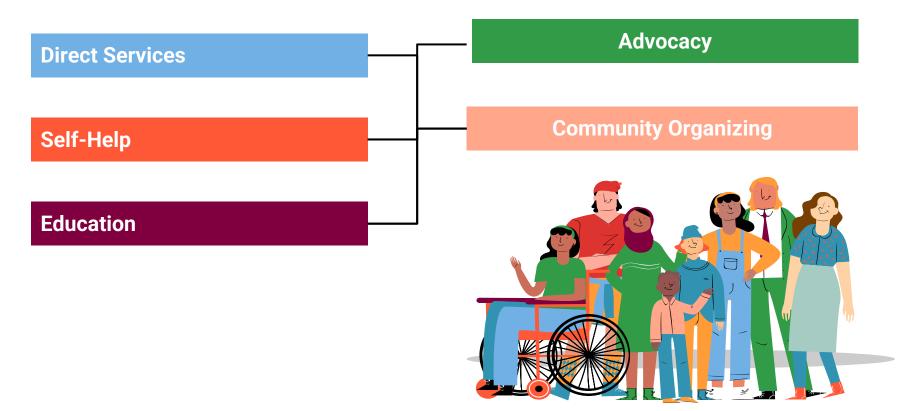
Activism works "outside the system" to generate change

Mobilizing people to take action now For and immediate win (short term)

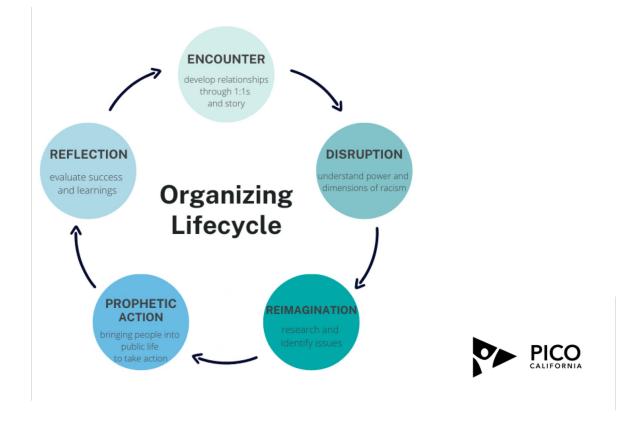
## Advocacy is the act of attempting to influence public policy by educating stakeholders and urging them to take action.

### Ways to Make Change

#### Accepts Pyramid of Power >>>>> Changes Pyramid of Power



# **Organizing and Relationship Building**

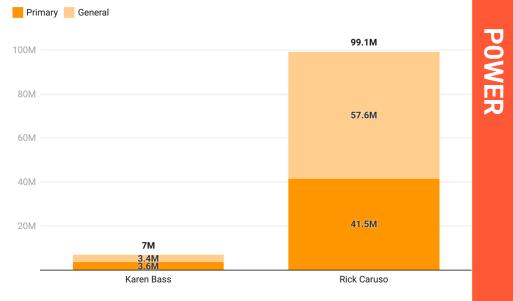


# What is organizing?

## **Community Organizing** is the act of connecting communities to build up power and mobilize it to influence decisions.

## Power is organized money or organized people

#### Total contributions in mayoral race



Source: Los Angeles City Ethics Commission. Data through Nov. 1, 2022

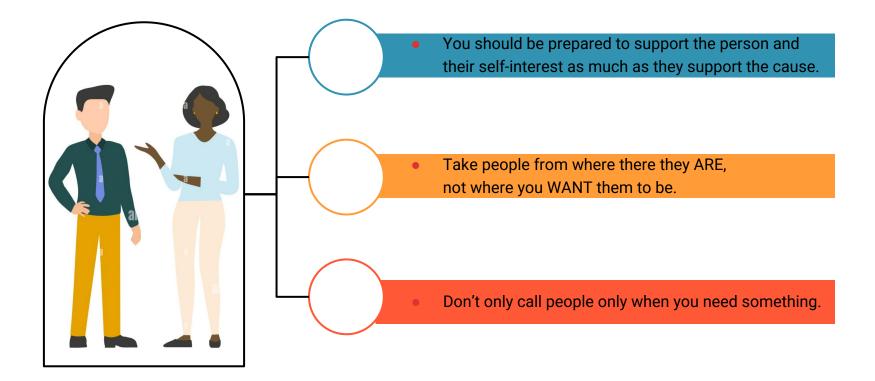
# Power is a product of relationships



# Why are relationships important to organizing?

Organizing is about building relationships and building trust. Without genuine relationships we cannot ask people to take action.

### **Relationships are a TWO-WAY street**



## How do organizers build relationships:

#### Purpose & Elements of a Relational 1:1

We build our power through relational 1:1's. The goal of a 1:1 is to initiate and/or deepen our relationships with families in our communities/congregations/tribes so that we can act collectively to change the conditions impacting them.

#### Purpose of a Relational 1:1

- To build or deepen relationship
- To hear someone's story and understand their WHY, their purpose, their self-interest
- To better understand their vision for themselves and their community
- To better understand the pressures their family and communities are facing
- To invite someone into bringing their vision to life through their leadership (if appropriate)

#### 4 Elements:

1. Purpose & Sharing of Self

State the purpose of the conversation Share a brief story of self

- What is your vision for your community?
- Why have you chosen to exercise your leadership?
- How is this moment impacting you, your family, and your community?

#### 2. Get Curious - understanding what's important to them

Ask curious, empowering questions that help you understand what is at stake for this person, what they value, and the vision they have for themselves and their community.

- Sample questions:
  - How long have you lived in this community? How have you seen it change?
  - o If you were the Mayor for a day and had a magic wand, what would you do?
  - How are you, your family, your community what are some of the pressures you are facing? Access to housing, living wage, healthcare, etc.
  - o What does your faith say about the world we SHOULD live in?

#### 3. Repeat Back

Summarize what you heard You can listen deeply and take notes (ask for permission)

#### 4. Invitation

What's the next step you can invite them into?

- Attend a team meeting
- Ask if there are other people they recommend you have a 1:1 with

## Types of 1:1

VS.

#### **Relational 1:1**

To initiate or deepen relationships with families in our communities so that we can act collectively to change the conditions impacting them.

#### **Propositional 1:1**

Someone you already have a relationship with, and want to invite/proposition them into deeper leadership.

## A good ask is....



#### What we Want From the Ask



later.

solid no and never.

## Pair practice 1-1 for 10 min (5 mins. each)



STORY OF SELF (ex of justice work)

#### **GET CURIOUS-ASK ?**

**REPEAT BACK** 

**INVITATION/NEXT STEPS** 



# We need young people on the ground...

# We have more of a stake in the game than anyone else.

# Let's show up, and show OUT.



# Community Building



## LA Voice Youth Cohort

## MAIN FOCUS FOR THE YEAR

Housing legislation : HOME IS SACRED

LA Voice has 5 bills that we care about.

We will be briefly discussing these bills!



## **3 P's of Affordable Housing Solutions**

#### Preserve

#### Preserve existing affordable housing

Protect

Protect renters who are currently housed from being evicted (keep them housed)



Production of more affordable housing units

## SB 567 Homelessness prevention act 2023

#### What in SB 567?

Establishes a 5% maximum annual rent cap, strengthens enforcement & accountability, expands existing policy to include single family homes & mobile homes, and closes just cause for eviction loopholes. (This is a proposed amendment to AB 1482)

#### Why is the bill important to us?

(Protection, Preservation, and Production), this is a necessary step toward better protections for tenants, which will keep them in their homes. We have to stop people from being unjustly evicted.

#### Where is the Bill currently in the legislative process ?

The Bill was voted through the Senate, and will now be heard on the Assembly side of the house these next few months.



## SB 4: Affordable Housing on Faith Lands

#### What is SB 4?

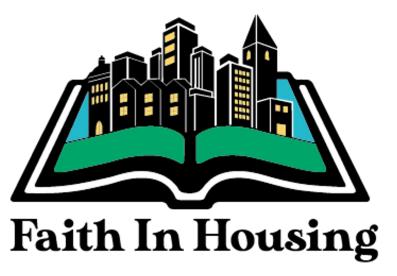
Lifts complicated and cost prohibitive zoning restrictions, allowing faith and private education institutions to build affordable housing on their land.

# Where is the bill currently in the legislative process?

The Bill was voted through the Senate, and will now be heard on the Assembly side of the house these next few months.

#### Why is this bill important to us?

LA Voice holds a firm commitment to our Faith in Housing congregations. Many of our congregations that hope to build affordable housing on their land face costly and complicated zoning restrictions. We believe in lifting these barriers.



## SB 225: Community Anti-Displacement & Preservation Program (CAPP)

#### What is SB 225?

It creates the community and Anti-Displacement and preservation Program.



# Why is the Bill Important to us?

(Protection, Preservation, and production), this is a step toward preserving housing (keeping it affordable.

#### Where is the Bill currently in the legislative process?

The Bill was voted through the Senate, and will now be heard on the Assembly side of the house these next few months.

## ACA 10: Housing is Human Right

#### What is ACA 10

Declares that housing is a human right in the California State Constitution and takes housing off of the speculative market.



# Why is this bill important to us?

We believe that Housing is a Human Right and this bill affirms that.

#### Where is the bill currently in the legislative process?

The Bill was voted through the Assembly, and will now be heard on the Senate side of the house these next few months.

#### AB 1418 Tenancy Local Regulation Contact with Law Enforcement

#### What is AB 1418?

This bill, introduced by Assemblymember Tina McKinnor, would ban cities from enacting "crimefree" housing policies, making it illegal for a local government to require or encourage landlords to perform criminal background checks, deny housing, and/or evict or otherwise penalize tenants if they have contact with law enforcement

# Where is the Bill currently in the legislative process?

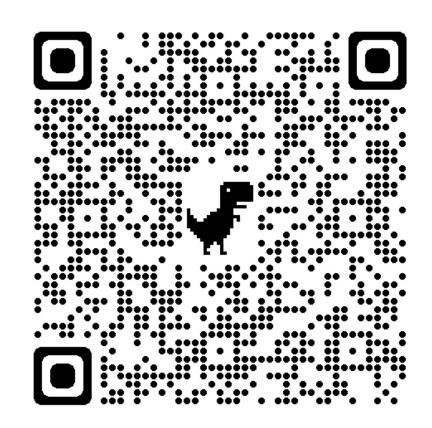
The Bill was voted through the Assembly, and will now be heard on the Senate side of the house these next few months.

#### Why is this Bill Important to us?

We believe Housing is a Human Right. This bill protects tenants, especially those living in cities with systemic racist policies around housing.



# **QUESTIONS?**



While we wrap up...please take share your feedback!



#### See you on <u>July 31st</u> (Leadership Team) and/or <u>September 17th</u> (General

Youth Cohort)

#### **Classification of your rights**



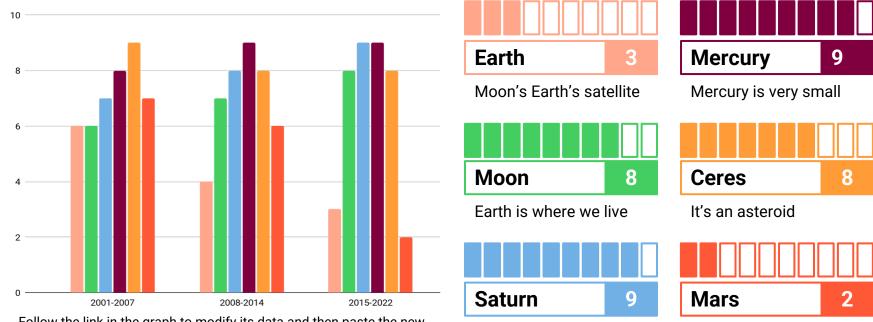






Civil rights	Political rights	Social rights	Economic rights		
Mercury is a small planet	Mars is a cold planet	Pluto is a dwarf planet	Saturn has several rings		
Saturn has rings	Earth is where we all live	We orbit the Sun	Earth has life		
Jupiter is a big planet	Venus is a hot planet	The Moon is our satellite	Mercury is rocky		

#### Human rights scores

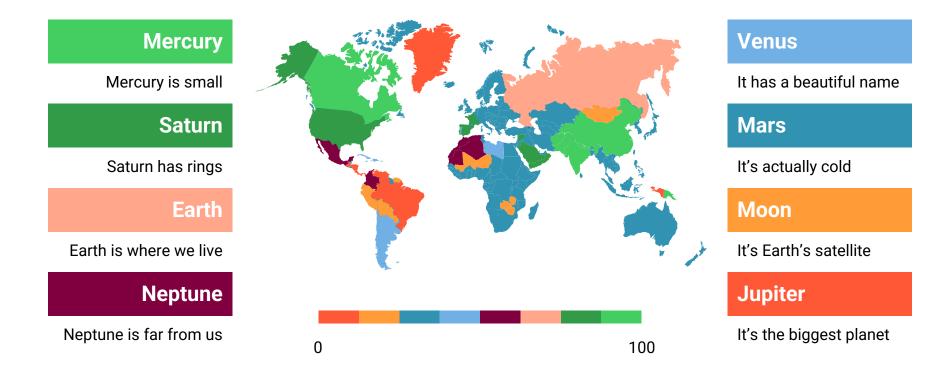


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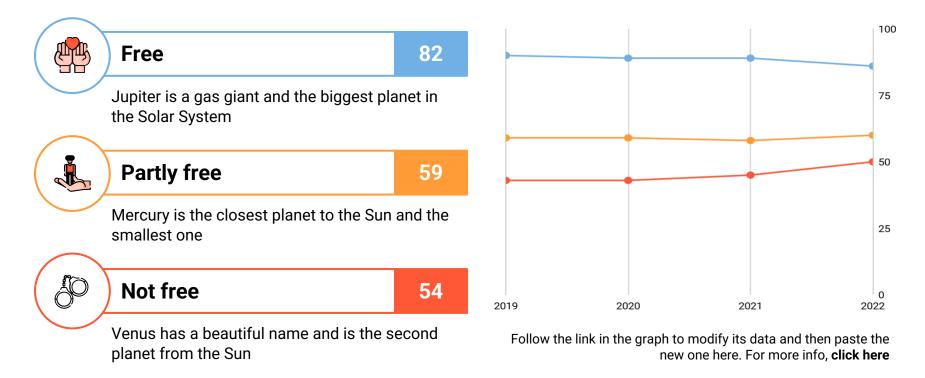
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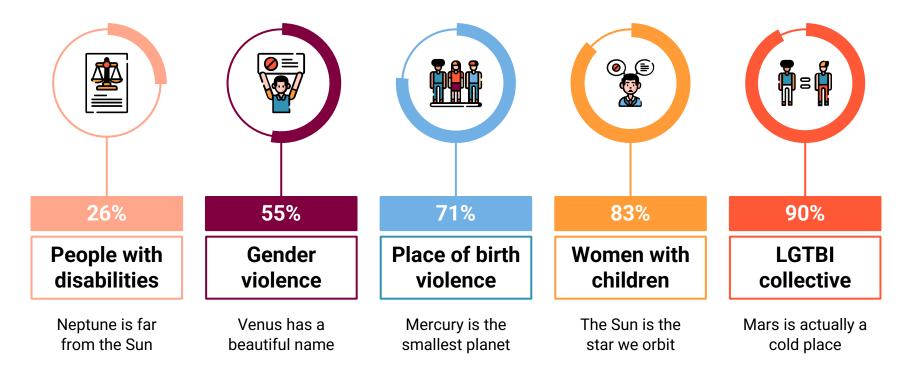
Discrimination of civil and political rights



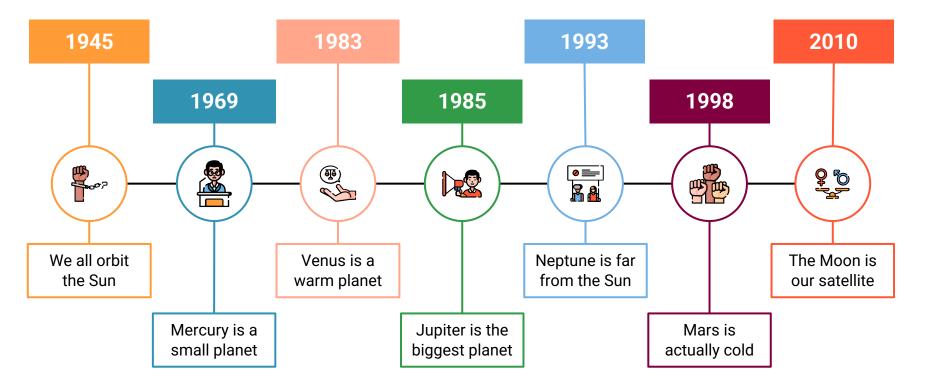
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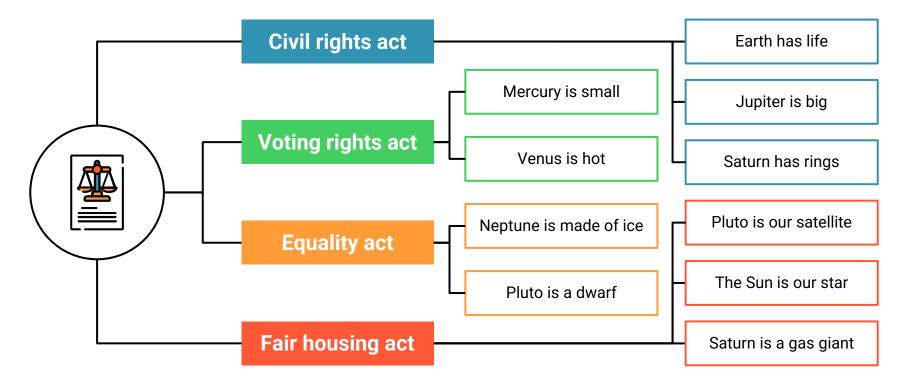
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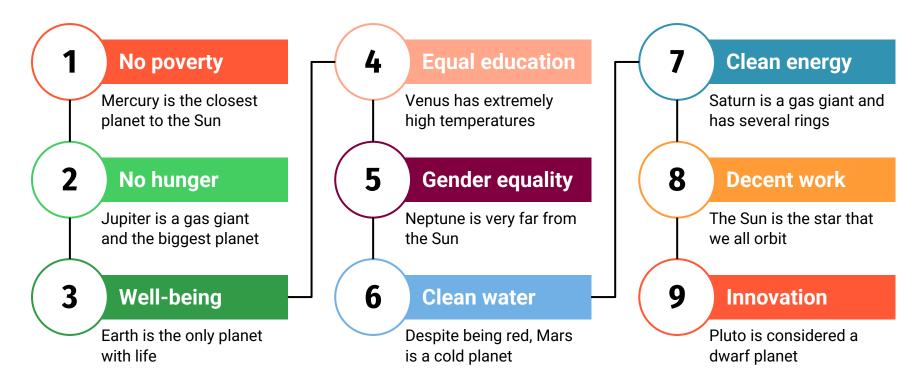
Civil and political rights movements in time



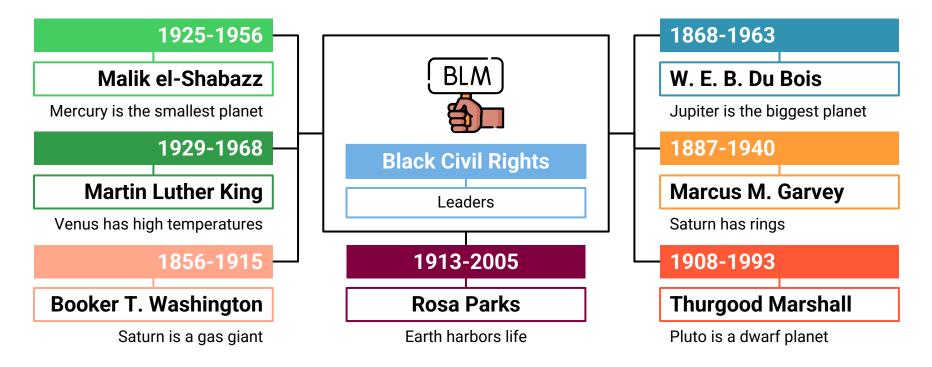
#### **Civil rights legislation**



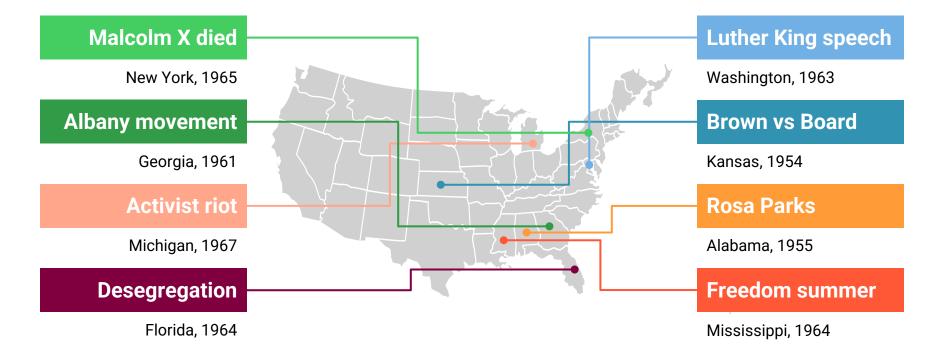
**Civil and political rights achievements** 



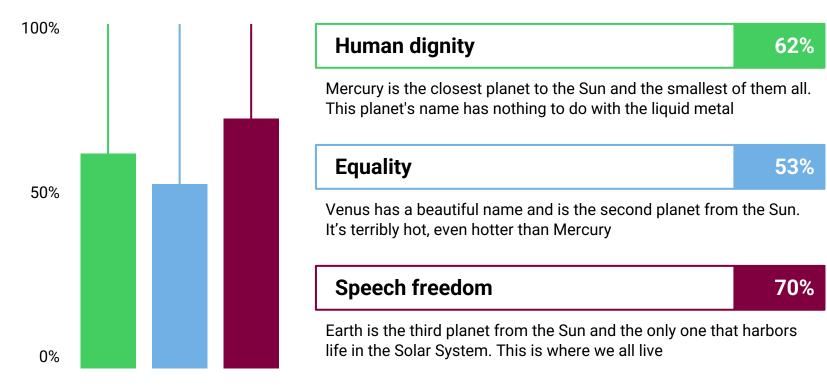
**Black civil rights leaders** 



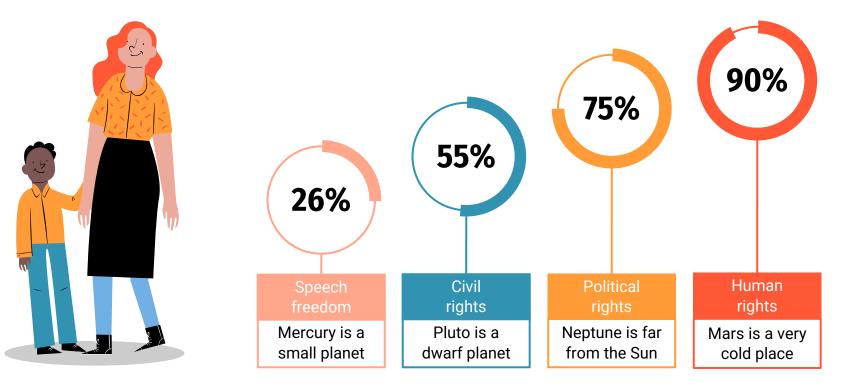
US civil rights movements



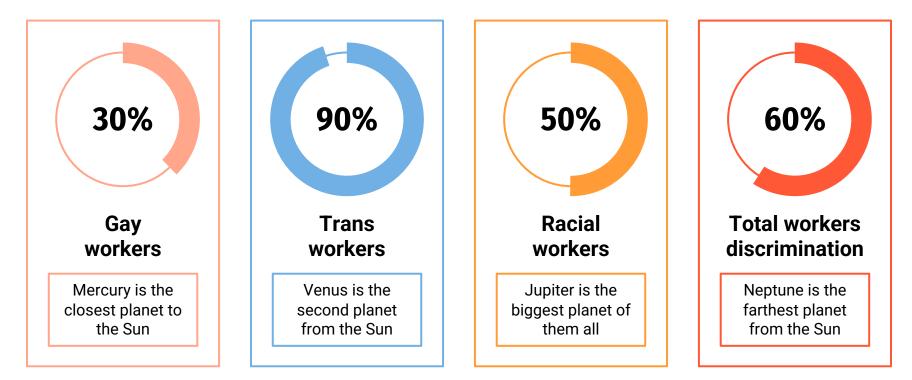
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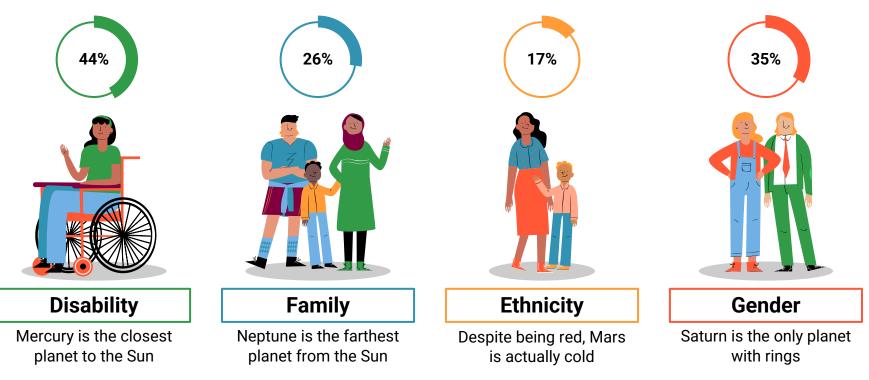
Protection of civil and political rights



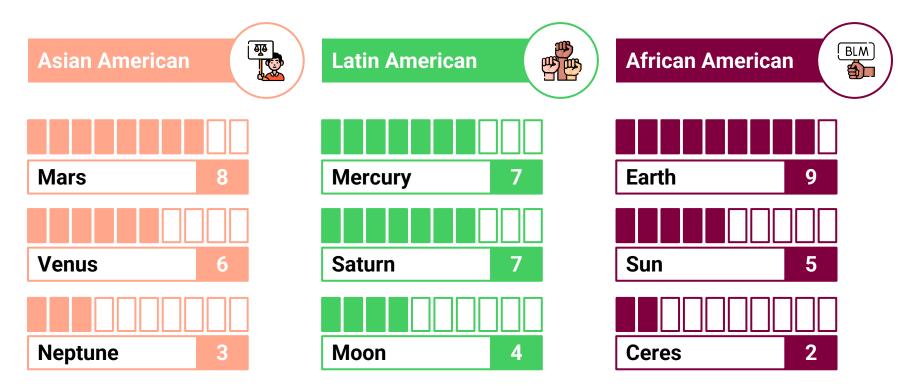
Racial and gender discrimination at work



Different social groups pay gaps



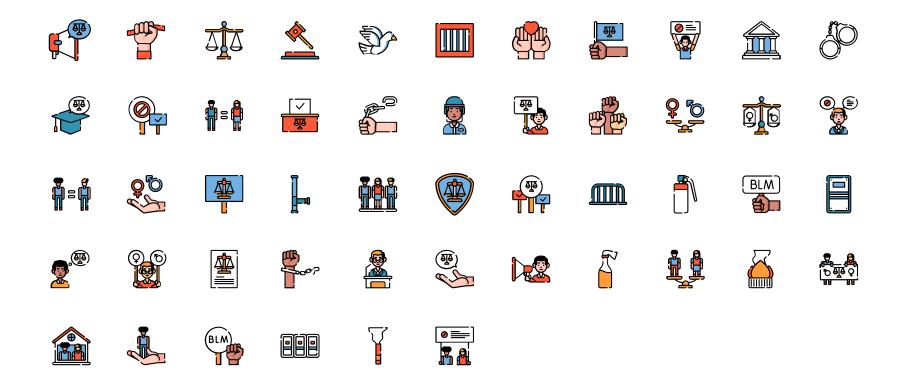
Human rights defenders at highest risk



#### **Civil and political rights dates**

11/09	16/09	September						
Mercury	Venus	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun and the smallest one	Venus has a beautiful name and is the second planet from the Sun		01	02	03	04	05	06
19/09	27/09	07	08	09	10	11	12	13
Neptune	Jupiter	14 21	15 22	16 23	17 24	18 25	19 26	20 27
Neptune is the farthest	Jupiter is a gas giant and						20	2,
planet from the Sun. It's also the fourth-largest	the biggest planet in the Solar System	28	29	30				

#### Icon pack: civil rights movement - filled



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