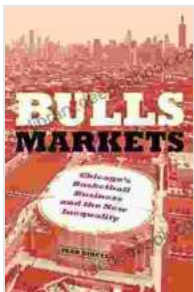


# Chicago Basketball Business and the New Inequality: Historical Studies of Urban Gentrification and Displacement

Chicago has long been a basketball city. In the early 1900s, the city was home to some of the most legendary players in the game, including George Mikan and Nat Hickey. In the 1960s and 1970s, the Chicago Bulls were one of the most dominant teams in the NBA, led by Jerry Sloan and Bob Love. And in recent years, the city has produced some of the game's biggest stars, including Derrick Rose and Jimmy Butler.



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But the rise of basketball in Chicago has also been accompanied by a darker side. In recent years, the city's historically black neighborhoods have been rapidly gentrified, and long-time residents have been displaced. This process has been driven in part by the NBA's embrace of gentrification, which has seen the league partner with developers to build new stadiums and arenas in historically black neighborhoods.

The displacement of black residents from Chicago's historically black neighborhoods has had a devastating impact on the city. It has led to increased poverty, crime, and health problems. It has also destroyed the social fabric of these communities, which have been home to generations of black families.

The NBA's embrace of gentrification is a key factor in the displacement of black residents from Chicago's historically black neighborhoods. By partnering with developers to build new stadiums and arenas in these neighborhoods, the NBA has helped to drive up property values and rents, making it impossible for many long-time residents to stay in their homes.

The NBA's actions are particularly reprehensible given the league's history of racism. In the early days of the NBA, black players were often subjected to discrimination and violence. It was not until the 1950s that the NBA finally integrated, and even then, black players faced continued racism and discrimination.

The NBA's embrace of gentrification is a betrayal of the league's history and values. It is a shame that the league is now using its power and influence to drive inequality and displacement in Chicago.

The displacement of black residents from Chicago's historically black neighborhoods is a tragedy. It is a story of greed and displacement, of a city that is turning its back on its most vulnerable residents. The NBA's role in this process is particularly shameful, and it is time for the league to take responsibility for its actions.

## **Historical Studies of Urban Gentrification and Displacement**

The displacement of black residents from Chicago's historically black neighborhoods is not a new phenomenon. It is part of a long history of urban gentrification and displacement in the United States.

In the early 1900s, white flight from the inner cities led to the rapid expansion of suburbs. This process was accelerated by the federal government's mortgage subsidy program, which made it easier for white families to buy homes in the suburbs. As a result, many black families were forced to move out of their homes and into segregated neighborhoods.

In the 1960s and 1970s, urban renewal programs further accelerated the process of gentrification and displacement. These programs, which were often funded by the federal government, were used to clear out slums and build new housing for white families. As a result, many black families were displaced from their homes and into public housing.

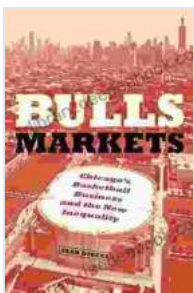
In recent years, gentrification and displacement have continued to accelerate. This is due in part to the rise of the global economy, which has led to increased investment in cities. As a result, property values in cities have skyrocketed, making it difficult for many low-income residents to stay in their homes.

The displacement of black residents from Chicago's historically black neighborhoods is a complex issue with deep historical roots. It is a story of greed, racism, and displacement. The NBA's role in this process is particularly shameful, and it is time for the league to take responsibility for its actions.

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It is time for the NBA to invest in affordable housing and community development in Chicago's historically black neighborhoods. It is time for the league to support policies that protect low-income residents from displacement. And it is time for the league to apologize for its role in the displacement of black residents from their homes.

Only by taking these steps can the NBA begin to make amends for its past actions. Only by investing in the future of Chicago's historically black neighborhoods can the league help to create a more just and equitable city.



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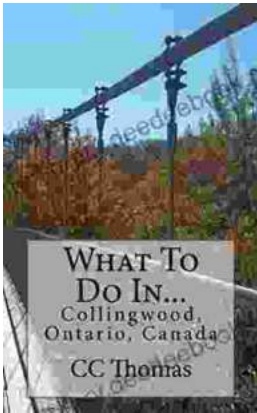
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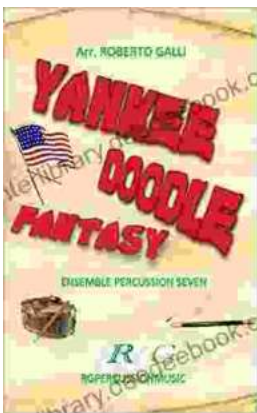
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