



The Connecticut Digital Divide Is A Civil Rights Issue

Ten years ago, Congressman John Lewis famously said **“Access to the internet . . . is the civil rights issue of the 21st century.”** Since Lewis delivered these words, the nation has been forced to acknowledge a mountain of inequities based on racialization and economic injustice, but his attention to the digital divide remains germane.

A 2020 report on information inequity in Connecticut found the following statistics:

34% of African Americans do not have wireline broadband.

31% of African Americans do not have a working computer at home

Studies of the racialized impact of COVID-19 show that deaths from the virus and lack of internet access strongly correlate. **Information access is a social justice and public health issue.**

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