Request for Existing Research
Public Policy Forum

The Liberty Fellowship Public Policy Forum is compiling existing research that addresses the questions below. If you would like to submit a research paper that includes data relative to any of these questions, send your contact information and the paper to research@libertyfellowshipsc.org. If the paper is available online, simply e-mail a link.

Faculty and students interested in conducting new research on this topic, should the opportunity arise in the future, should indicate their interest by sending an e-mail to research@libertyfellowshipsc.org.

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Racial Unity in South Carolina

1. What is the current racial landscape in South Carolina?
   - Detail the racial demographics of the state including
     - Population numbers overall
     - Enrollment in public schools
     - Enrollment in institutions of higher education (public and private)
   - What is the racial representation in South Carolina in areas of critical leadership including these:
     - C-level positions
     - Heads of non-profit organizations
     - Key administrative positions in large academic institutions

2. What are the challenges to achieving racial unity in South Carolina?

3. What are the racial disparities in South Carolina in health-related matters:
   - Access to healthcare
   - Prevalence of major diseases – for example, stroke, end stage renal disease, etc.
   - Risk factors
     - Nutrition and diet behavior
     - Food security (availability, access and use of food)
     - Physical activity
     - Obesity
     - Hypertension
     - Others?
What are the Bright Spots in bringing about racial unity?

Liberty Fellowship is interested in identifying effective models that precipitate racial unity; we are not interested in re-creating the wheel. These models would be replicable on a large, state-wide scale and could be in existence in South Carolina or another state. Specifically,

4. Which cities/towns/communities/organizations in South Carolina have taken on the issue of racial unity?
   • What has worked (bright spot)?
   • Why?
5. What efforts to achieve racial unity have been made outside of South Carolina in demographically-similar states?
   • What has worked (bright spot)?
   • Why?
6. What role have faith-based organizations played in these bright spot models?