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## **Black Pregnancy in America: Injustice in the Healthcare System**

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Black mothers in America experience higher maternal and infant mortality rates in comparison to white mothers. Through my research I have found different factors such as discrimination, implicit and explicit biases, stress, and many others that contribute to this disproportionate death rate. I will be addressing how these areas affect mortality rates, what legislation is doing about this issue, different studies that have followed this trend, and solutions to address this growing problem. This issue is gaining recognition in the medical world, but still needs others to advocate for the unjust treatment that black mothers are receiving in the United States. Through my research and through this forum I hope to be an advocate for this disproportionate death and provide evidence to support the adverse health effects that Black mothers experience. I will do this by bringing attention to the injustice in the medical world and identify the steps that can be taken to begin bringing justice to Black mothers in America.