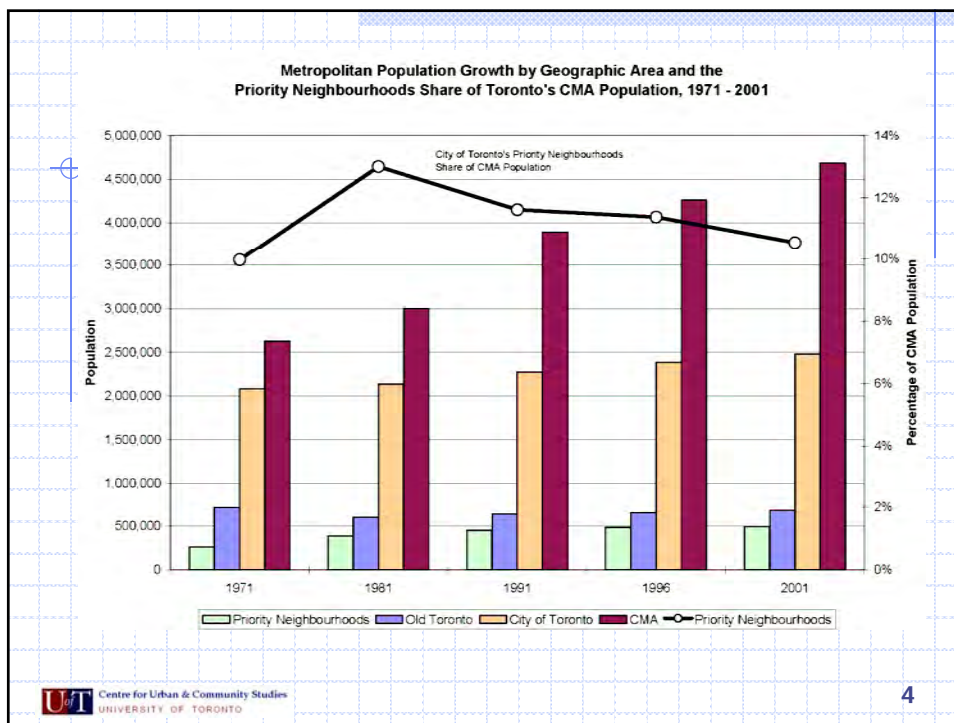
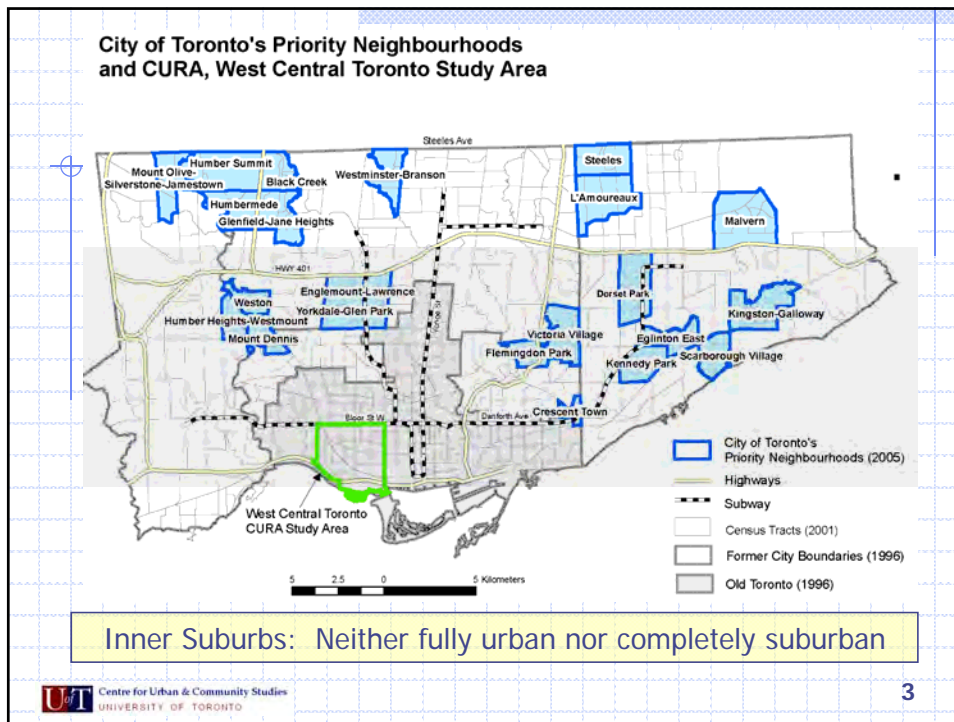


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Research Questions: #1

As gentrification continues in Toronto, where do the non-middle class, “non-gentry” live?

People who are mainly:

- low-income with low-status jobs
- non-white
- life-long renters

Short answer: Toronto’s least desirable urban landscapes

- post-war inner suburbs
- large post-war public housing estates

Research Questions: #2

Is Toronto becoming more segregated by

- income and social status,
- housing tenure (owners/renters), and
- skin colour (ethno-racial origins)?

Short answer:

based on 1971 to 2001 trends, YES

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Research Questions: #3

What is the public policy response?

Short answer: Containment Strategy

- target resources better ("priority neighbourhoods")
- \$\$ on crime prevention, recreation, family services
- task forces, studies
- increased public and private spending on security in the rest of the city
- ignore the causal trends: the problem is localized (local gangs, "black-on-black" crime, etc.)

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One-Fifth of America: A Comprehensive Guide to America's First Suburbs

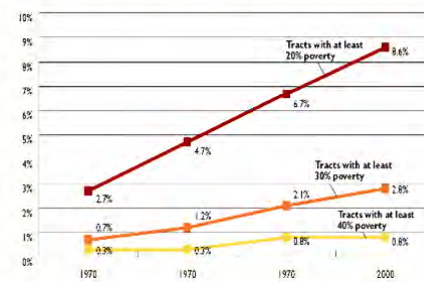
Robert Puentes and David Warren

Neither fully urban nor completely suburban, America has a unique set of challenges—such as concentrations as well as outmoded housing and commercial uses of the center city and fast growing newer places. This report, a blindspot with little in the way of state or federal to realities and secure a role as competitive and quality first suburbs throughout the nation, examines their finally, sets out a policy agenda tailored specifically

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Similar trends have been recognized in the U.S.

Figure 5. Percentage of Census Tracts in First Suburbs Exceeding Specified Poverty Thresholds, 1970–2000



Answering the Questions

Method

1. detailed analysis of 30 year residential trends
 - Census of Canada data, 1971 to 2001
 - mapping changes in "who lives where" 1971 to 2001
 - location of rental housing (market & non-market)
 - gentrification trends
 - socio-economic and ethno-racial trends
2. a review of policy and program initiatives

Research Question #1

Gentrification Trends: Where do the non-gentry live?

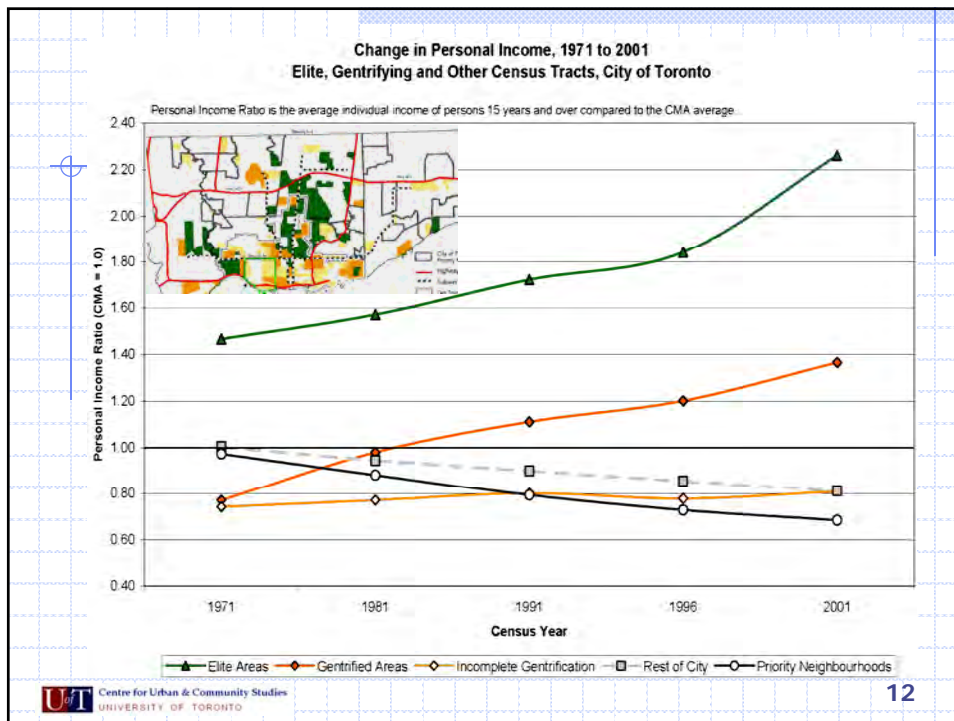
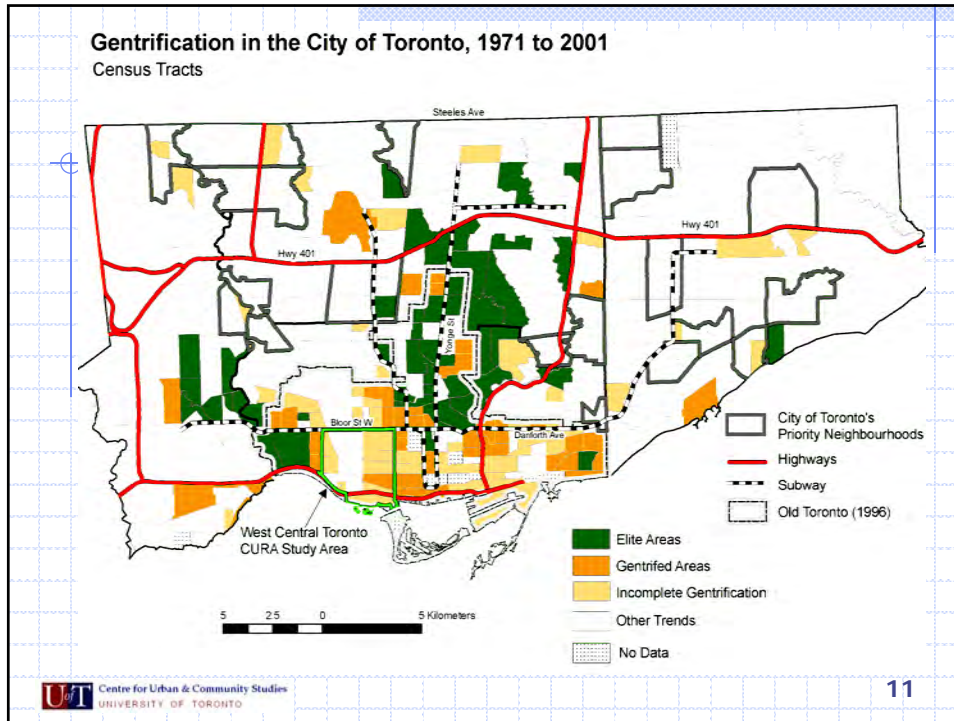
Summary of gentrification analysis by Alan Walks & Richard Maaranen, University of Toronto; Mapping decade by decade neighbourhood change

- from below average income to above
- rising social status (job category & education)
- change in arts and related employment of the residents

With comparisons to the Priority Neighbourhoods in the inner suburbs

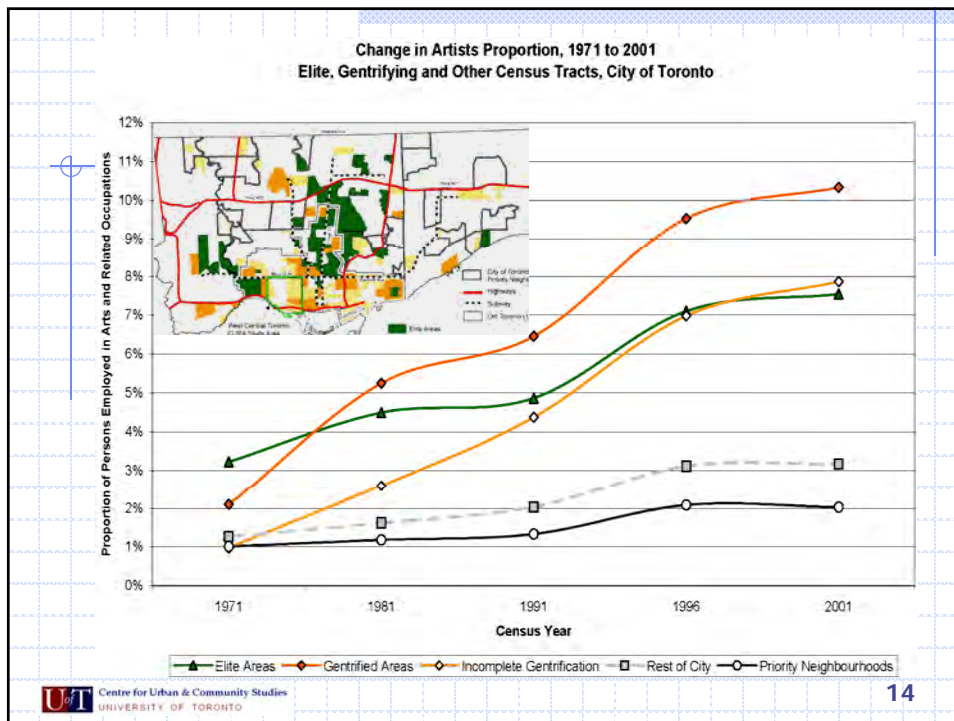
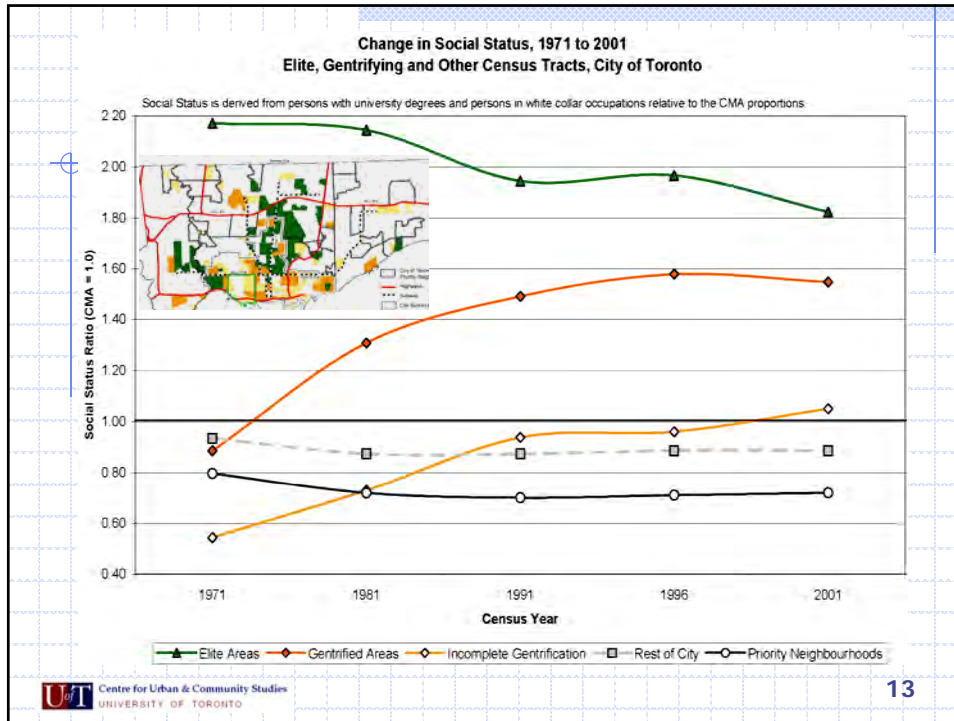
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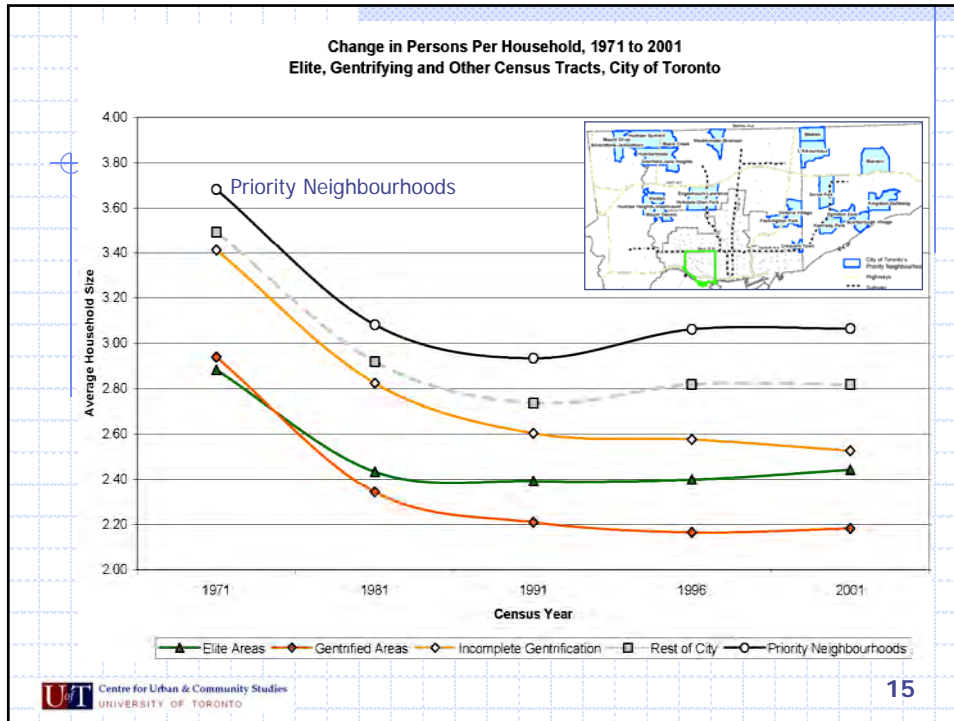
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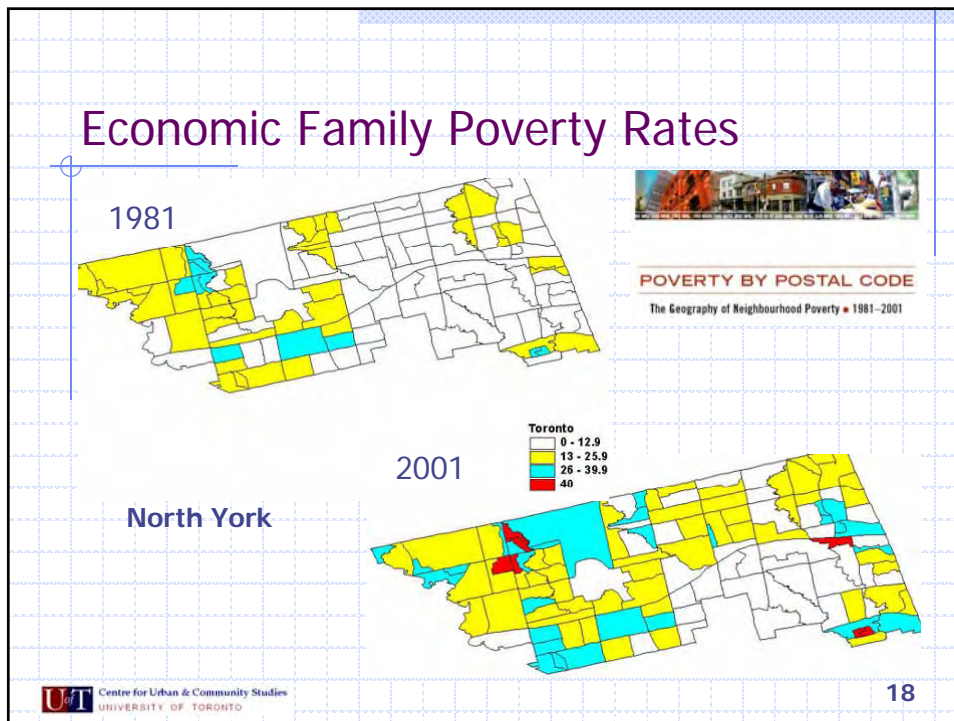
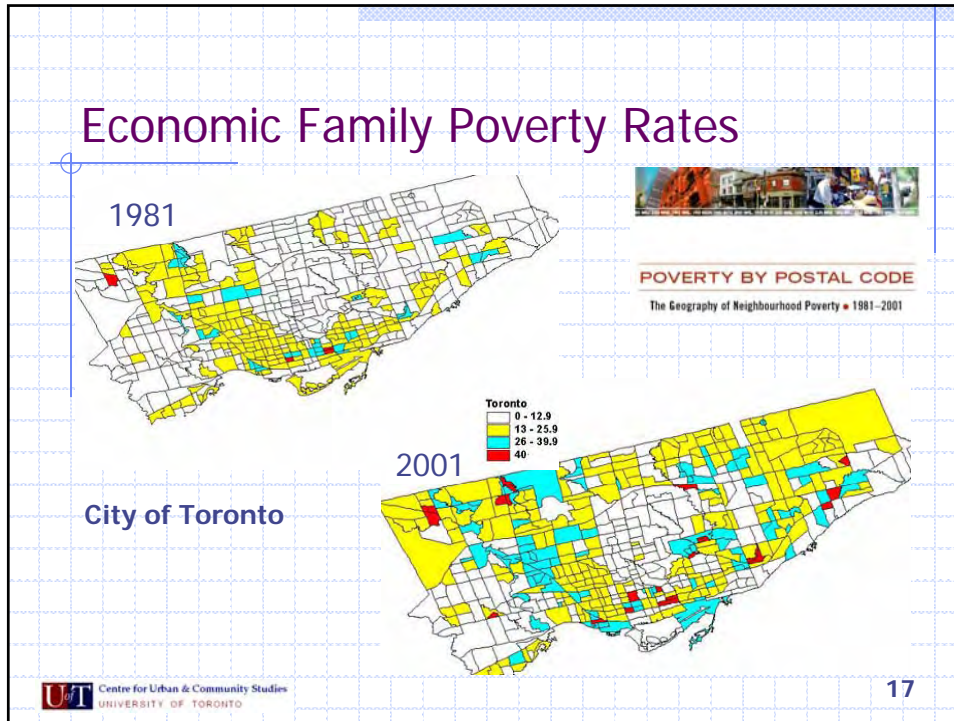
- Mapping Change by Neighbourhood
 - poverty concentrations
 - income: persistent increase / decrease
 - income gap: owners / renters
 - rental housing stock: gain / loss
 - skin colour: white folks

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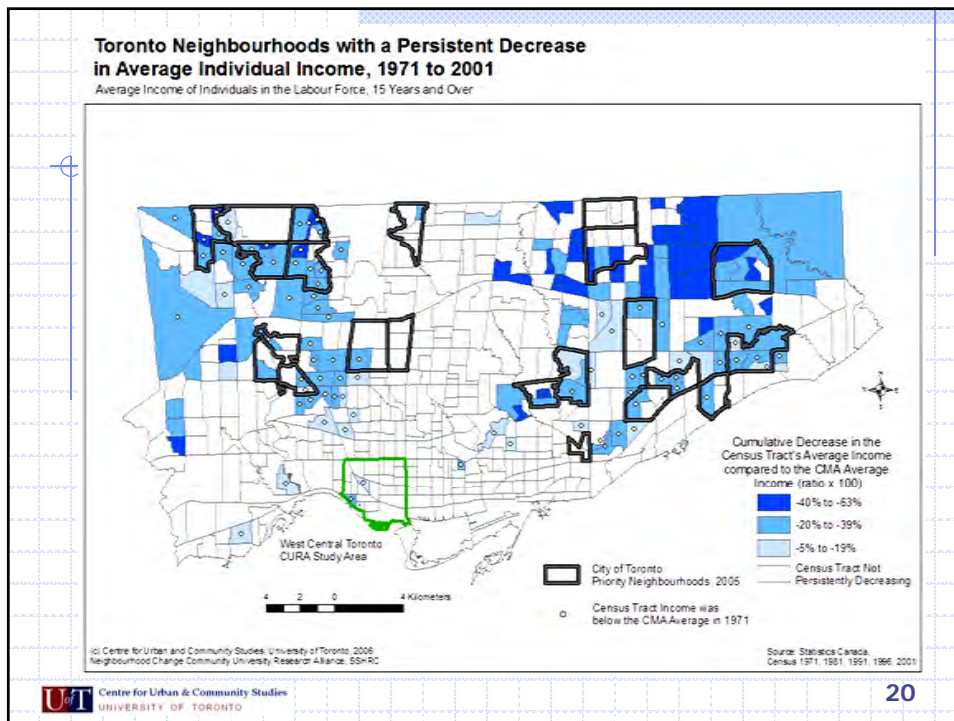
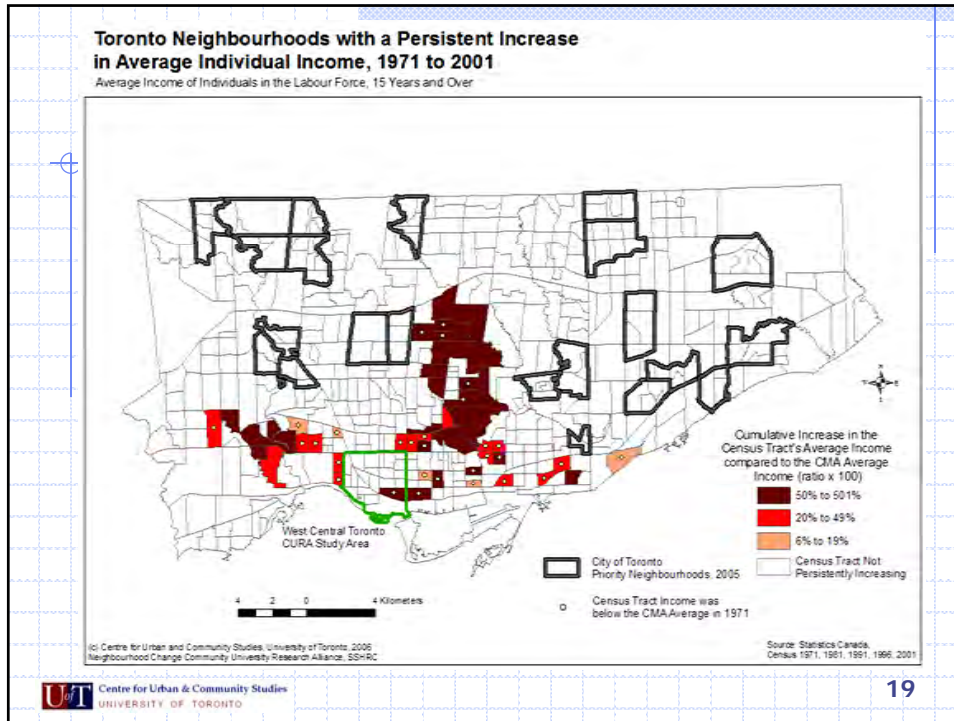
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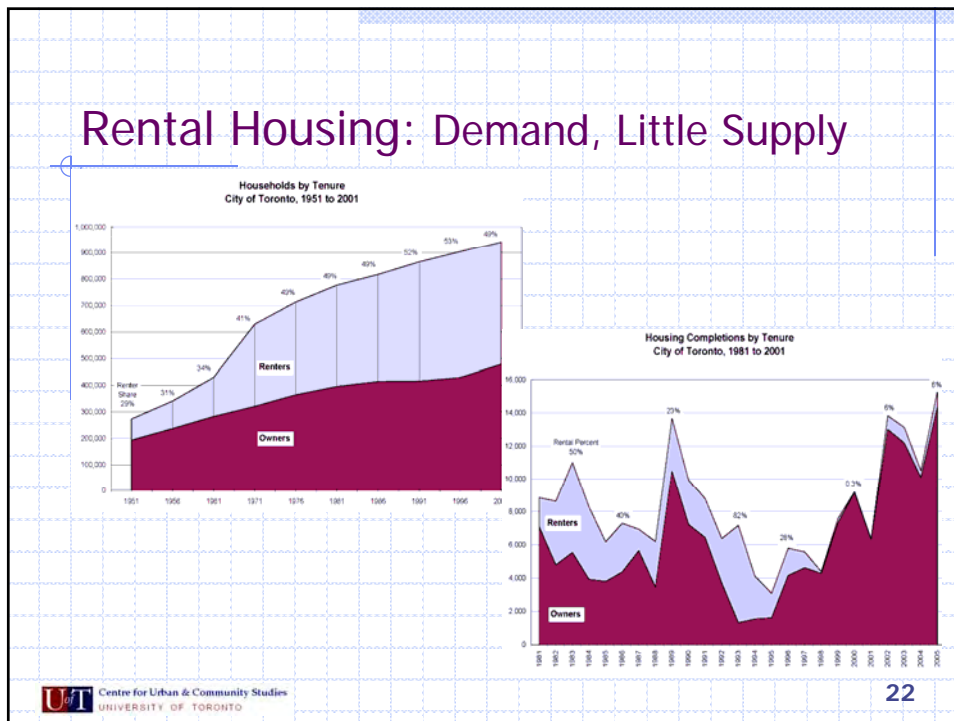
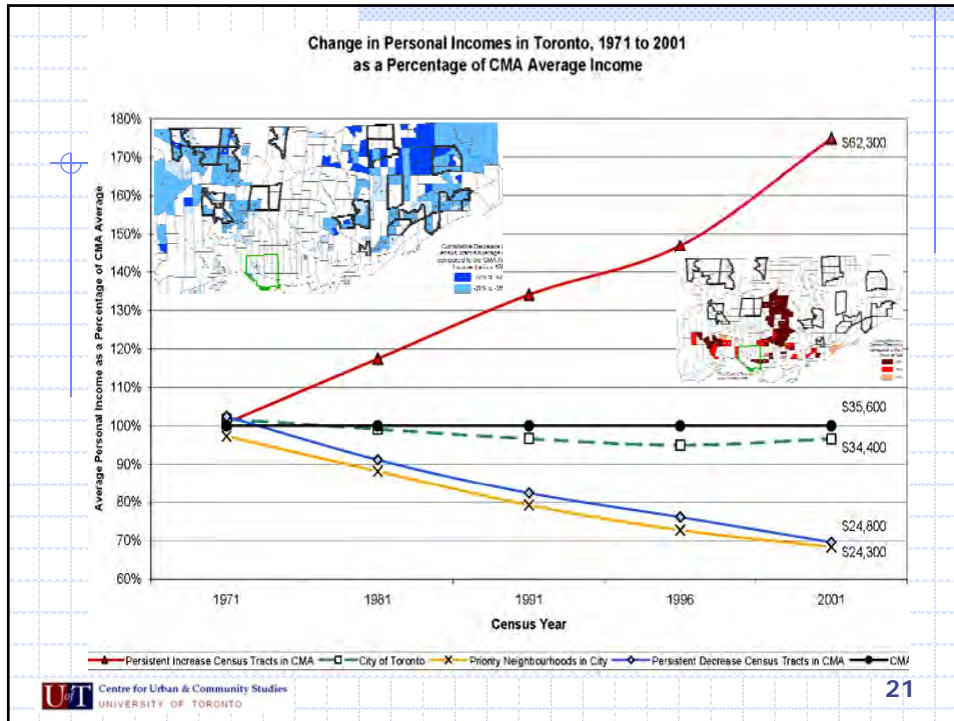
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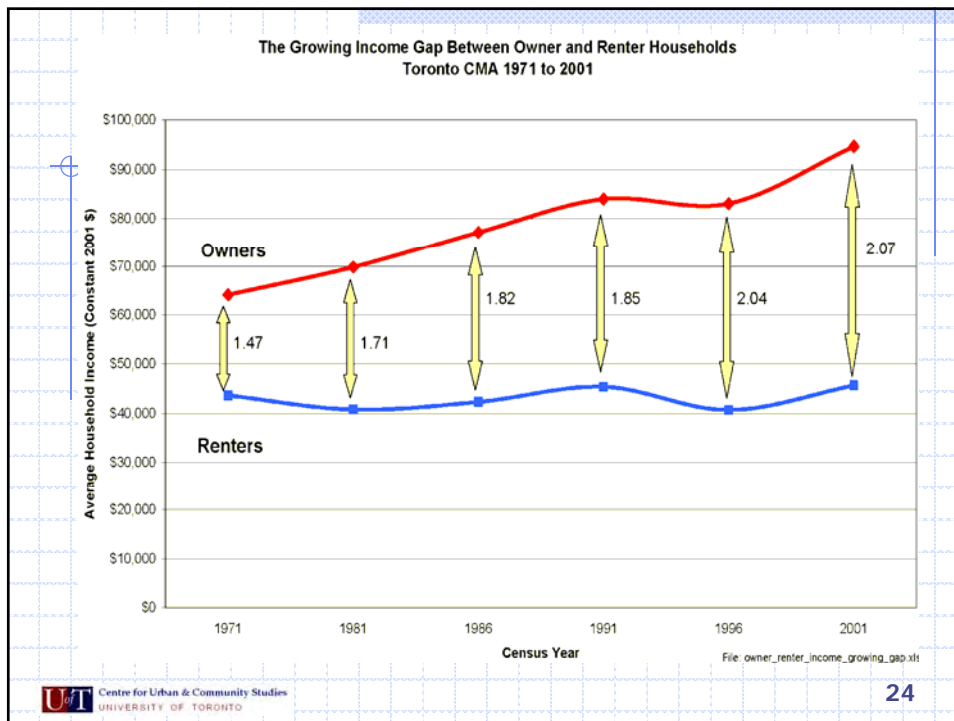
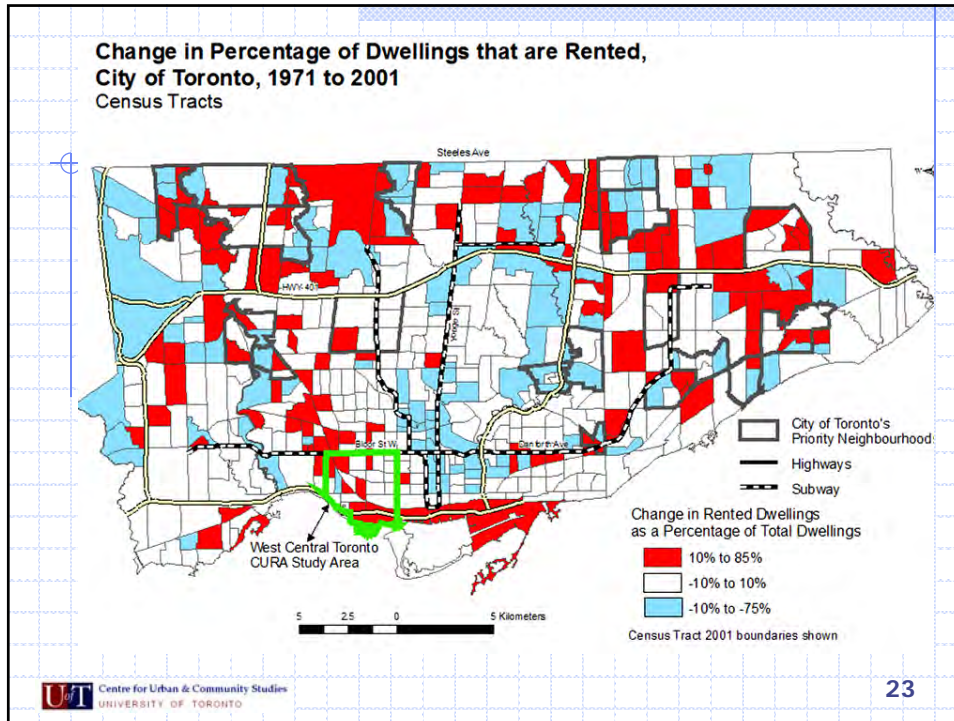
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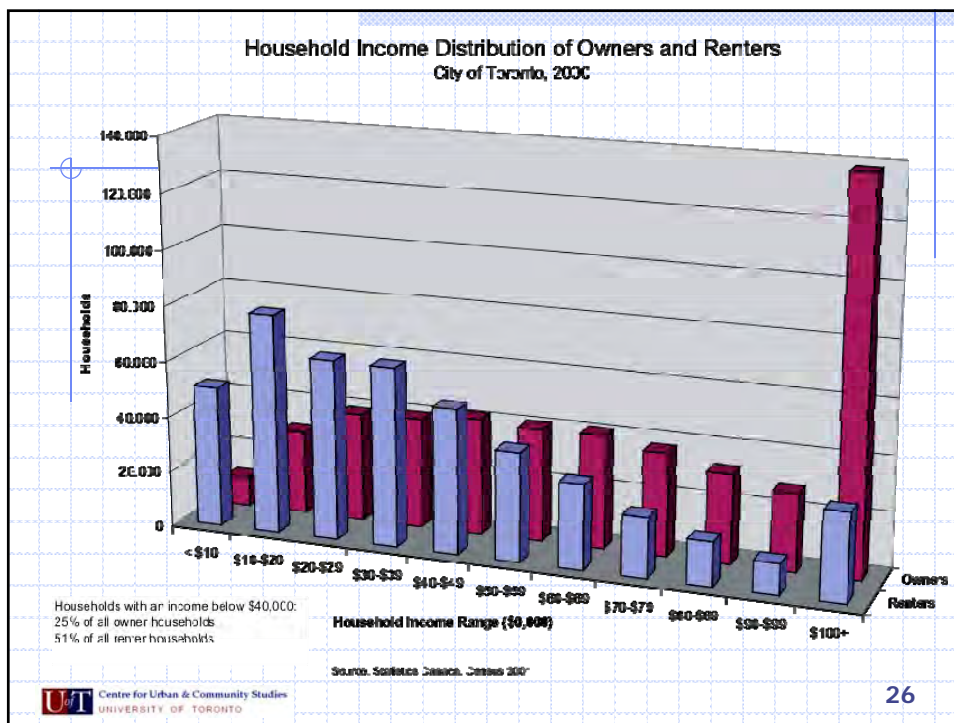
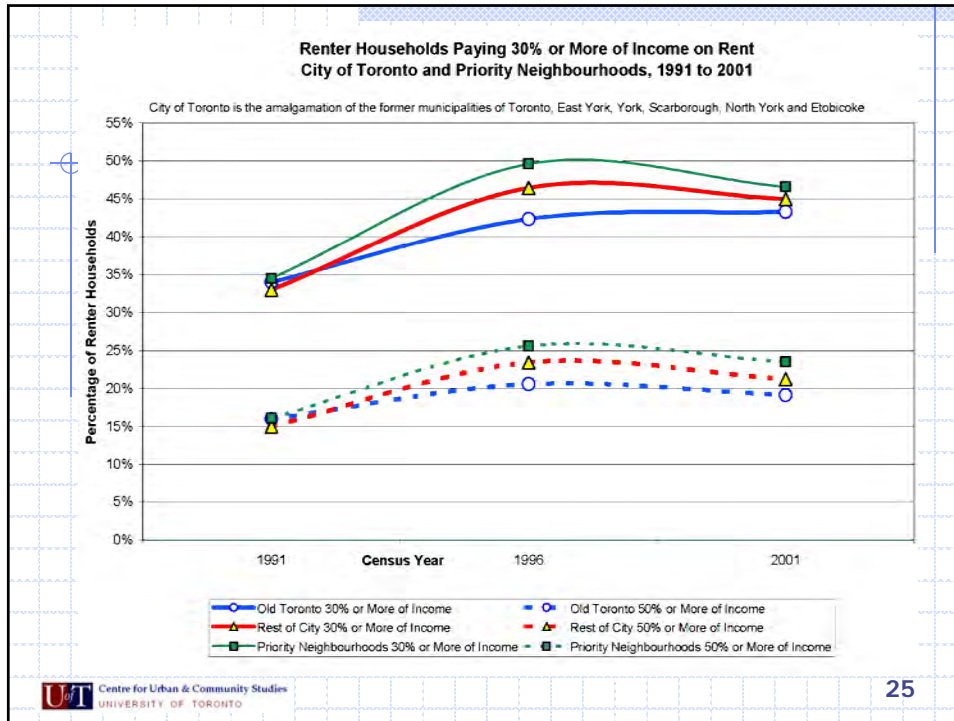
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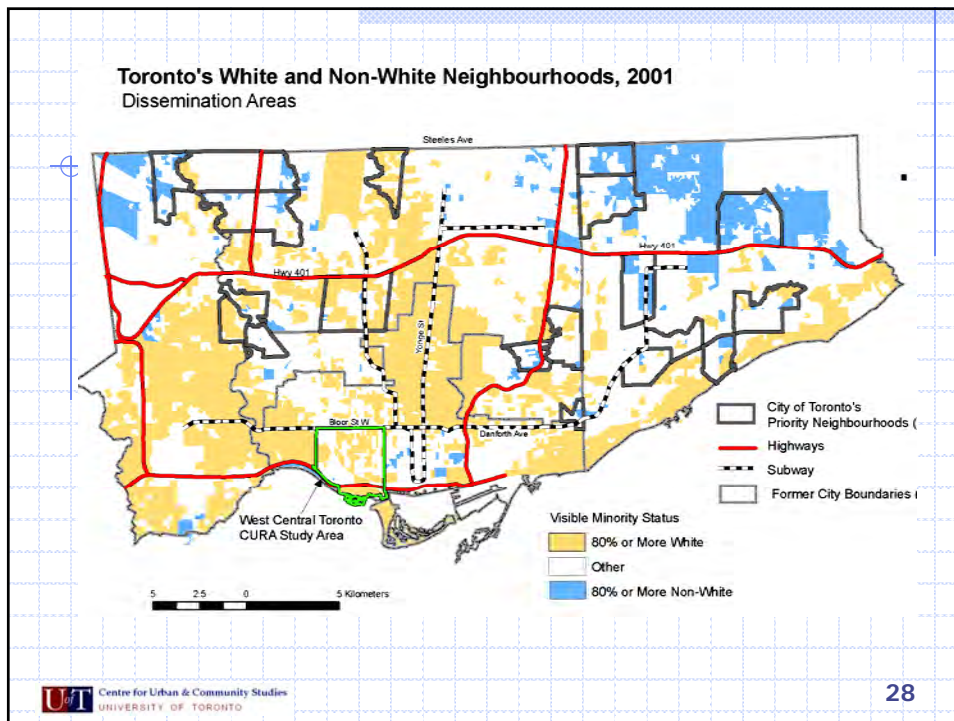
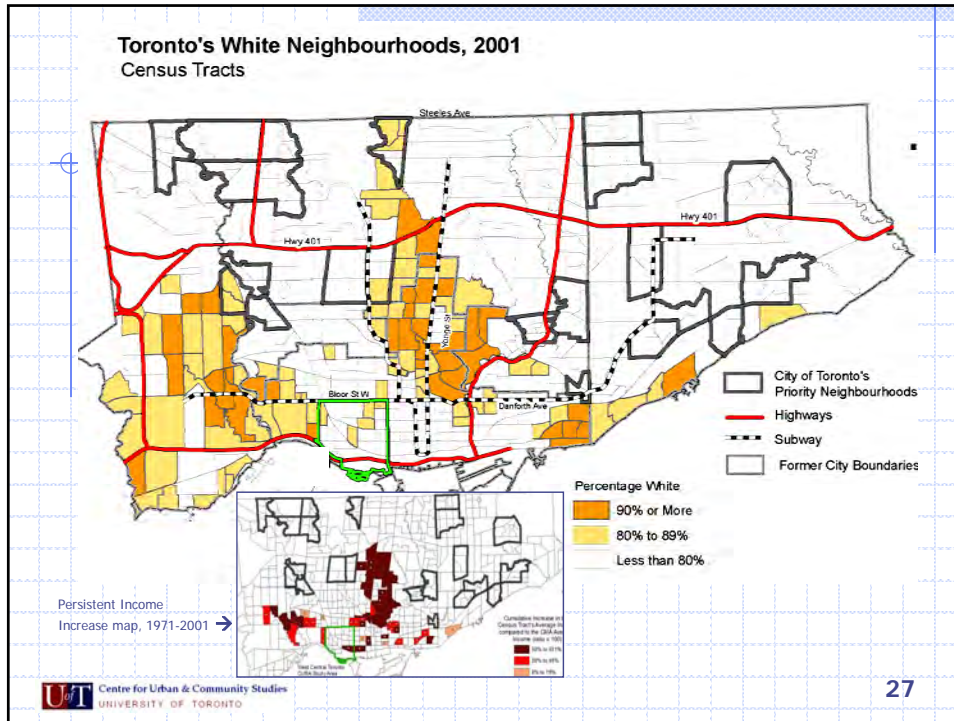
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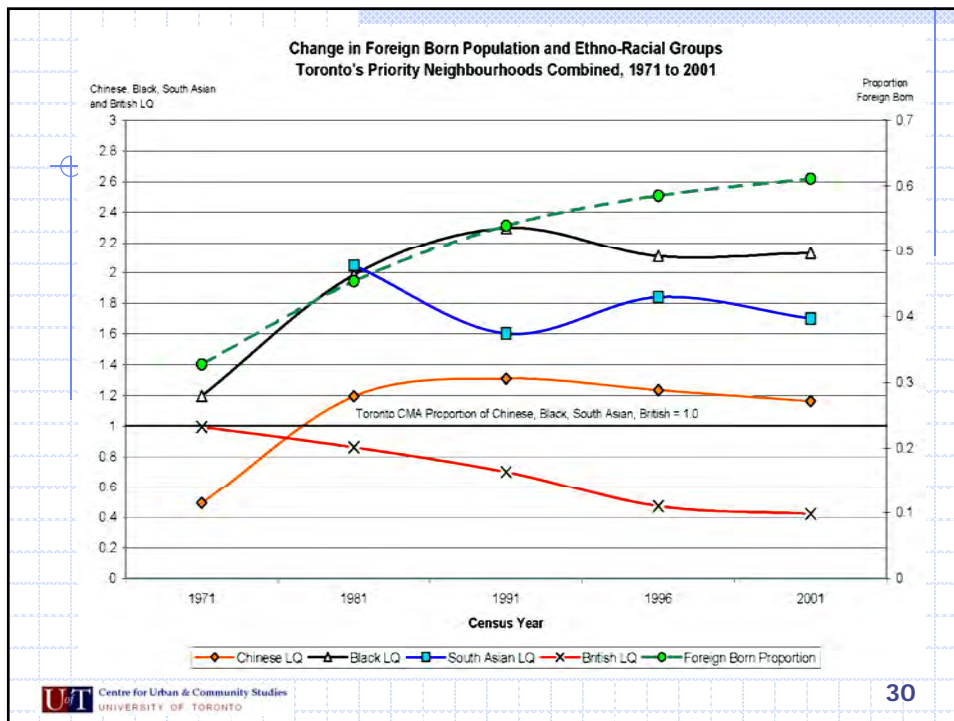
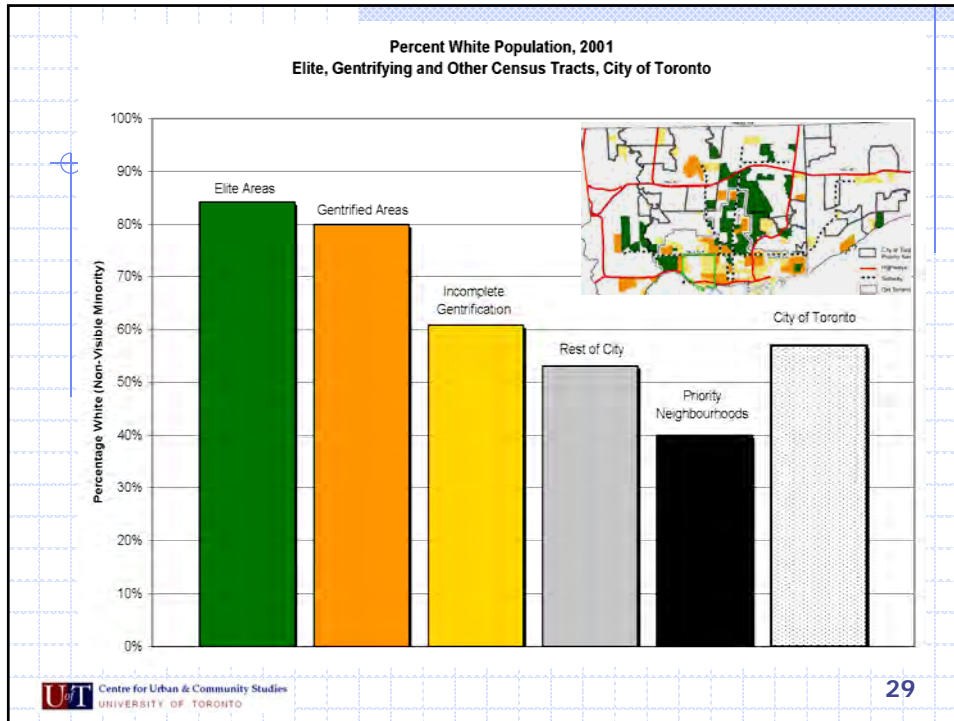
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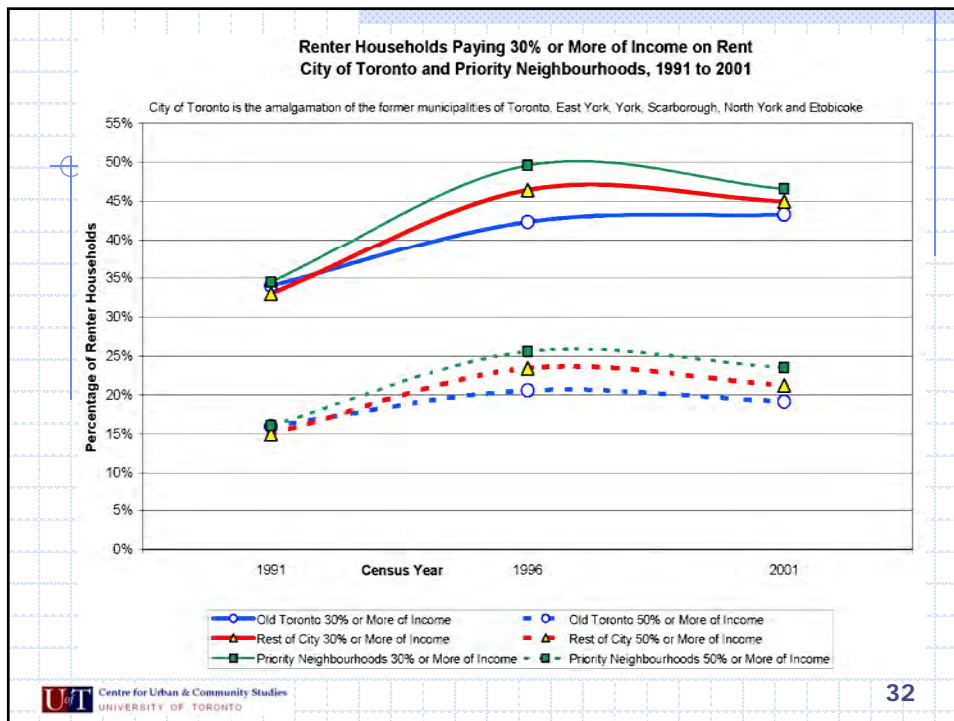
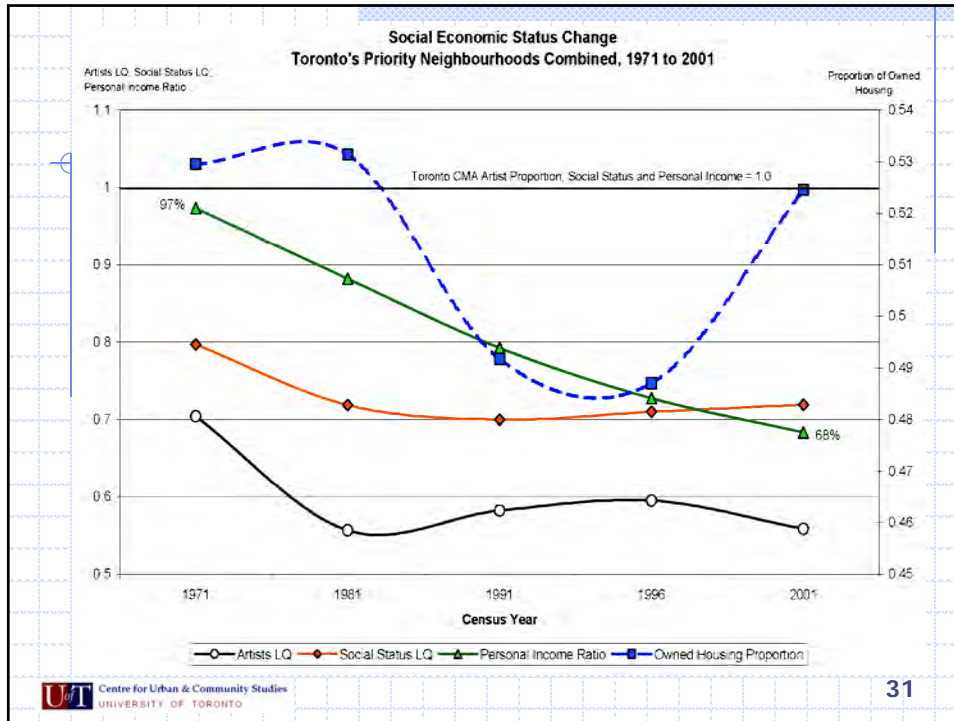
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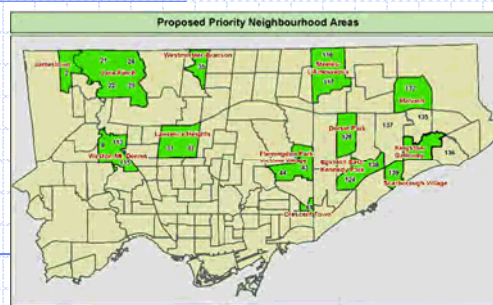
Some of Toronto's Inner Suburbs: The non-gentry, non-white, service class

- home of the non-middle class, non-gentry
- home for gentrification's displaced persons
- the homeland for impoverished immigrants and refugees
- home of the largest families, in the smallest housing with the fewest community services
- home for mainly non-white people
- home of people without other residential choices

→ **The opposite of gentrification**

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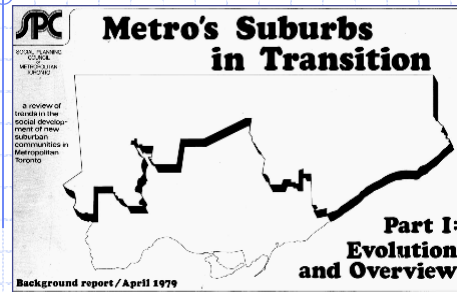
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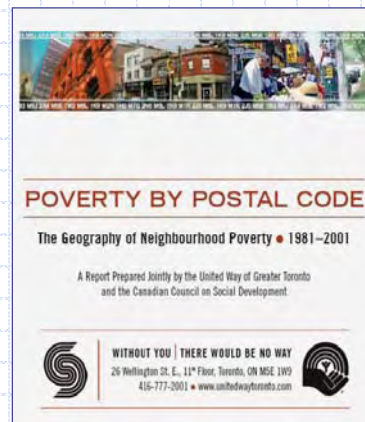
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1979

2005



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... and one Task Force



The Task Force will work to strengthen neighbourhoods and keep Toronto a healthy, vibrant place to live.

2005

Strong Neighbourhoods Task Force Membership

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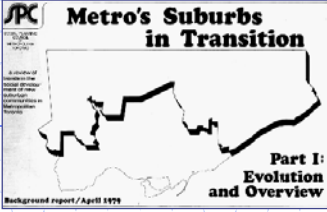
Derek Ballantyne, CEO, Toronto Community Housing Corporation
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1979

“The era of suburban and metropolitan innocence in Toronto is over.

Stable post-war images of urban life in Metro, with clear social distinctions between the City and the suburbs, ... no longer correspond to the social realities of what exists today or to the conditions which will have to be faced in the coming decade.”

– Social Planning Council of Metro Toronto, April 1979 (v1, p.233)

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2005

In 2005, similar observations and confirmation of trends identified in the 1979 study

“Now poverty has moved outwards, to the inner suburbs, to places once seen as havens from inner-city problems.

Our social services simply have not kept up and this means that – more than ever – people are disadvantaged by the neighbourhood where they live.”

– United Way of Greater Toronto, June 2005


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"The suburbs now contain


- 50% of all inner city students in Metro's schools,
- most of Metro's families with both parents in the labour force,
- high numbers of single parent families,
- significant groups of unemployed and alienated youth, and
- a multitude of cultures and races."



In 1979
the trends were clear;
the inner suburbs were in transition


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"The absence of urgently needed help for the diverse needs of suburban families is a deep source of concern."

- pre-school day care,
- school programs for children with special needs,
- multi-service centres to help families,
- neighbourhood agencies for outreach to isolated groups,
- counseling for immigrant families,
- community services for troubled youth,
- child-parent centres,
- after-hours and crisis support, and
- affordable recreation programs




1979
many recommendations ignored

2006
same needs & issues discussed again

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