

Boxing and Urban Cultures

'When the Smoke Clears:'

SOC280: Lecture II



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Structural Violence and the Damaged Urban Life

- Kanye West: 'All falls down' College Dropout
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8kyWDhB_QeI

Structural Violence and the Damaged Urban Life

It seems we livin' the American dream, but the people highest up got the lowest self-esteem.

The prettiest people do the ugliest things, for the road to riches and diamond rings.

We shine because they hate us, floss cause' they degrade us.

We tryin' to buy back our 40 acres. And for that paper,

Look how low we a' stoop.

Even if you in a Benz, you still a nigga in a coupe.

Happy Gilmore's Kansas City, USA

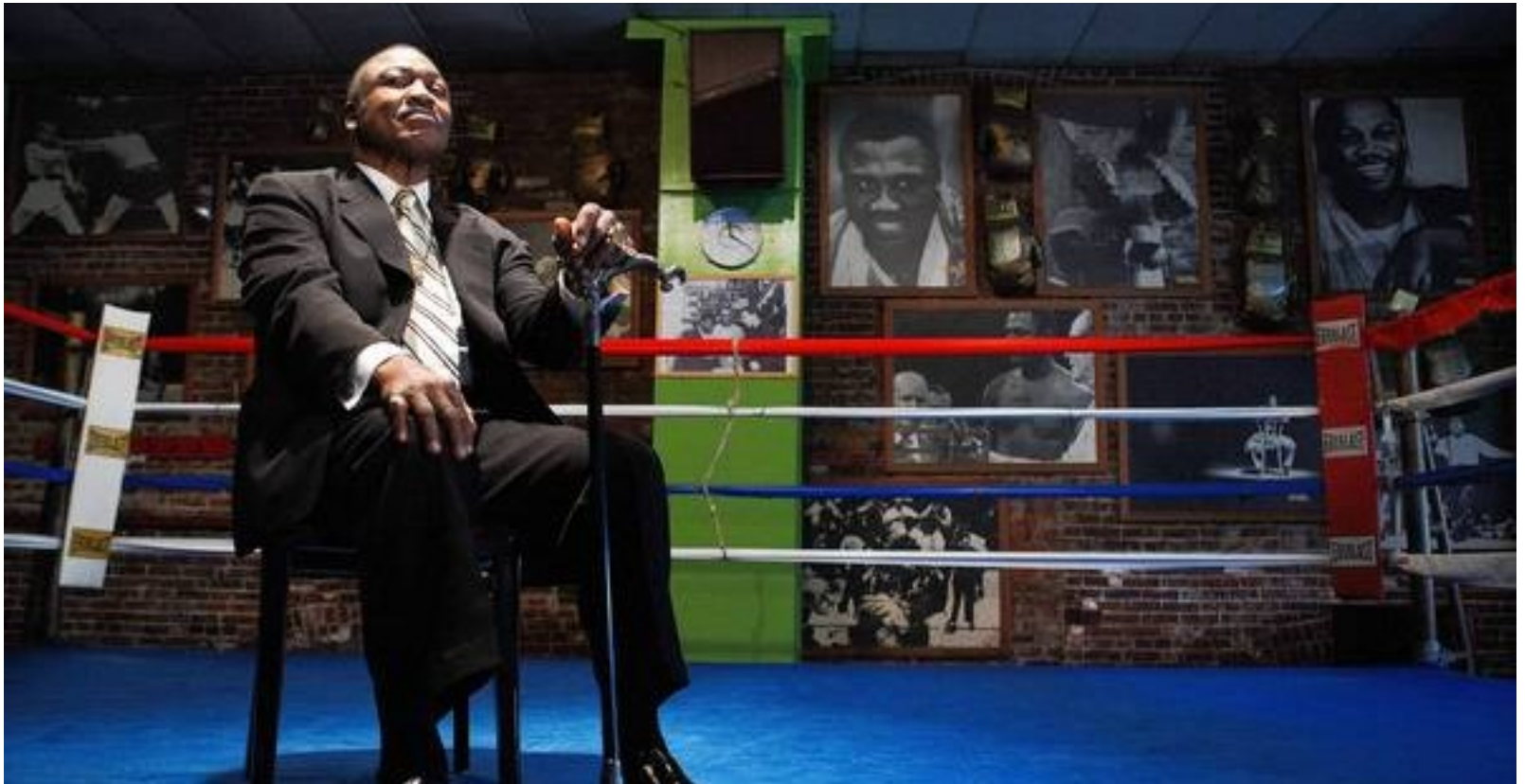


Joe Frazier's Gym

Philadelphia, PA

- Located in North Philadelphia (The 'Badlands')
- Century-old, 30,000 square feet former lumber warehouse (address: 2917 North Broad Street)
- Opened in 1968 as the 'Cloverlay Gym'
- Frazier trains there for his entire career, retiring and living in the upstairs flat in 1976
- Neighborhood to 'the hood'
- Recently designated as a US historical landmark

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The Badlands



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- 36, 268 residents
- 94% African-American
- 52% of residents are unemployed
- 18777USD: median household income for a family of four (Pennsylvania household median for a family of four is 40106USD)

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- 25000USD: average house value in area
- 25%: housing unit vacancy rate
- 36%: number of Badlands residents with high school diplomas

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- George Clymer Elementary School
- 28%: number of 8th grade students that perform at grade level in mathematics
- 14%: number of 8th grade students that perform at grade level in science
- 42%: number of 8th grade students that are able to read and write at grade level

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