

POOR HOUSING



**EVICTIONS ARE TO BLACK WOMEN WHAT MASS
INCARCERATION IS TO BLACK MEN.**
(EVICTIONS BY MATTHEW DESMOND)

FORMS OF PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

- Traditional Tenure
- Feudal System
- Private Property
- Consumer Rights
- Human Rights

CONSUMER RIGHTS

"When American city dwellers, both rich and poor, seek 'shelter' today, they seek a well known package of goods and services → a package which includes not merely walls and ceilings, but also adequate heat, light and ventilation, serviceable plumbing facilities, secure windows and doors, proper sanitation, and proper maintenance." **Commonwealth v. Monumental Prop., Inc., 329 A.2d 812 (Pa. 1974)**

BARRIERS TO HOUSING STABILITY

- Discrimination
- Substandard Housing
- Bad Credit Ratings
- Eviction History

HOUSING IS FUNDAMENTAL

- Work
- Food
- Education
- Health (physical and psychological)

LOW-INCOME HOUSING HAZARDS

- Domestic Violence Discrimination
- Security Deposit Scams
- Illegal Lockouts
- Lead Paint Hazards
- Ownership Scams

EVICTION EXPENSE SHEET

TENANT EVICTION COSTS:	
Movers	\$ 450.00
Storage	\$ 430.00
Application Fees	\$ 150.00
Security Deposit	\$ 1,700.00
First Month's Rent	<u>\$ 850.00</u>
	\$ 3,580.00

JUST CAUSE EVICTIONS

RESPONSE TO:

- Retaliation
- Arbitrary Lease Terminations
- Discrimination
- Gentrification
- Speculative Rent Increases



THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

ARTICLE 25.(1)

EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO... **FOOD, CLOTHING, HOUSING AND MEDICAL CARE** AND NECESSARY **SOCIAL SERVICES**... IN THE EVENT OF UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS, DISABILITY, WIDOWHOOD, OLD AGE OR OTHER LACK OF LIVELIHOOD...

Adopted by General Assembly of the United Nations, December 10, 1948