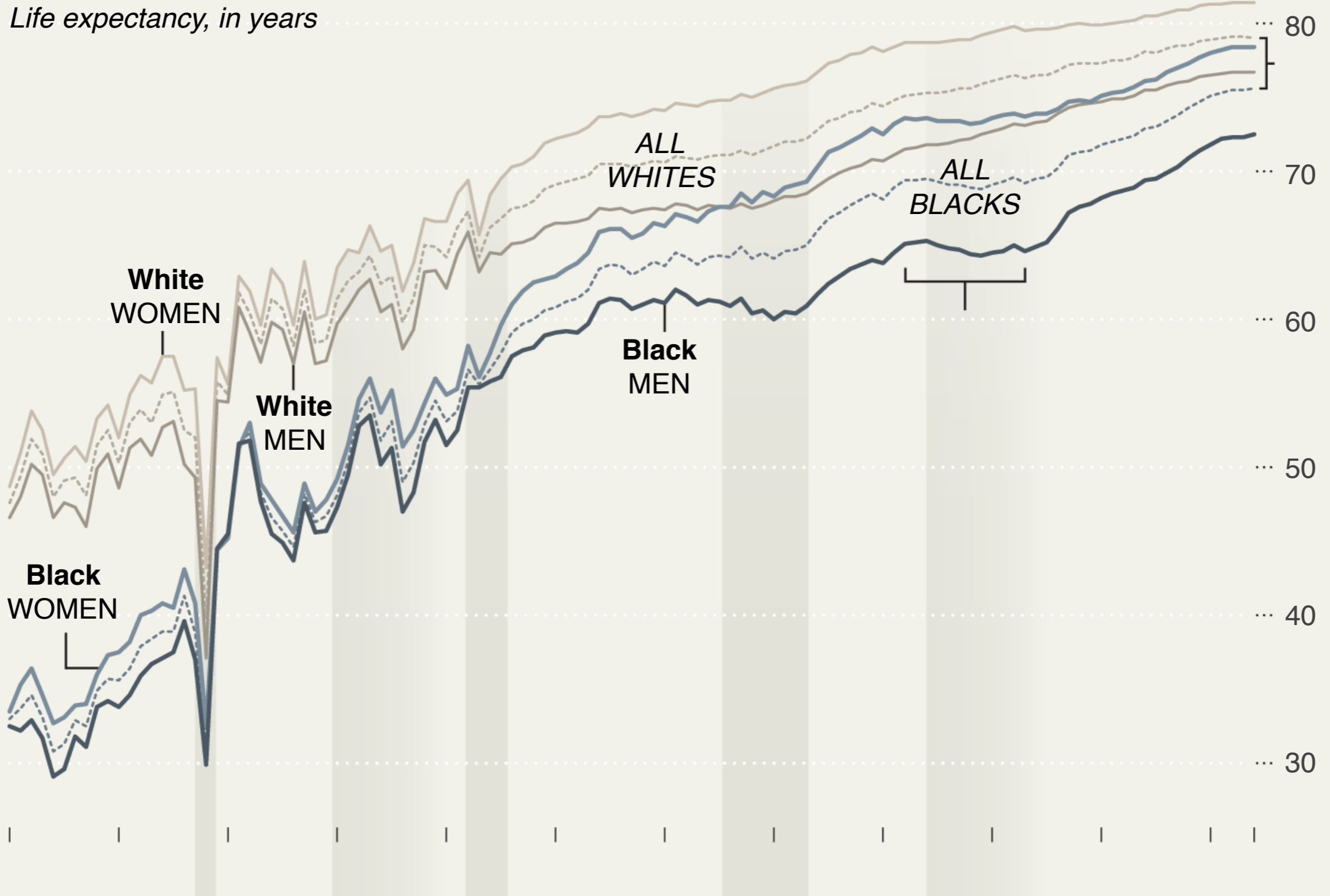
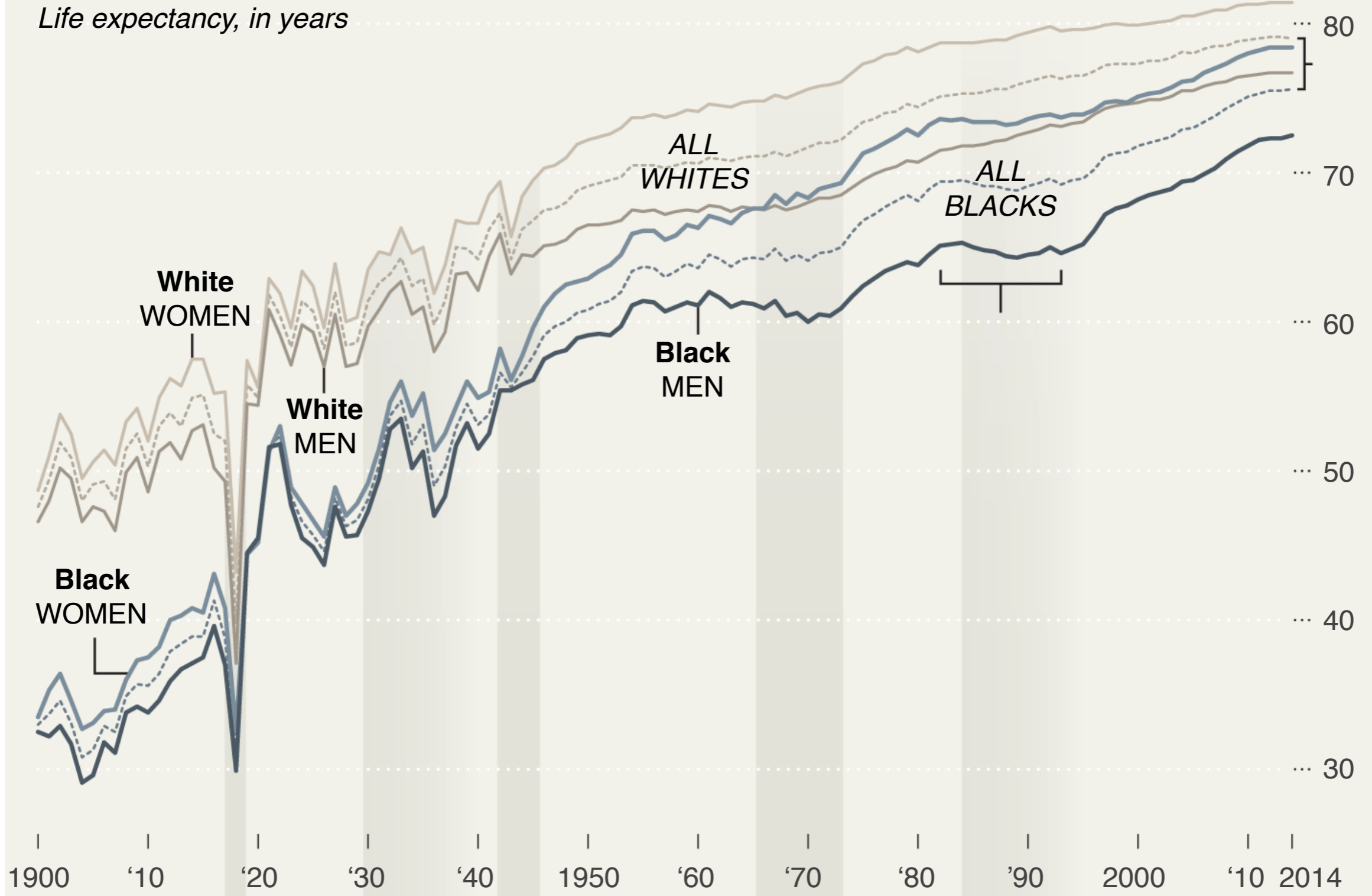


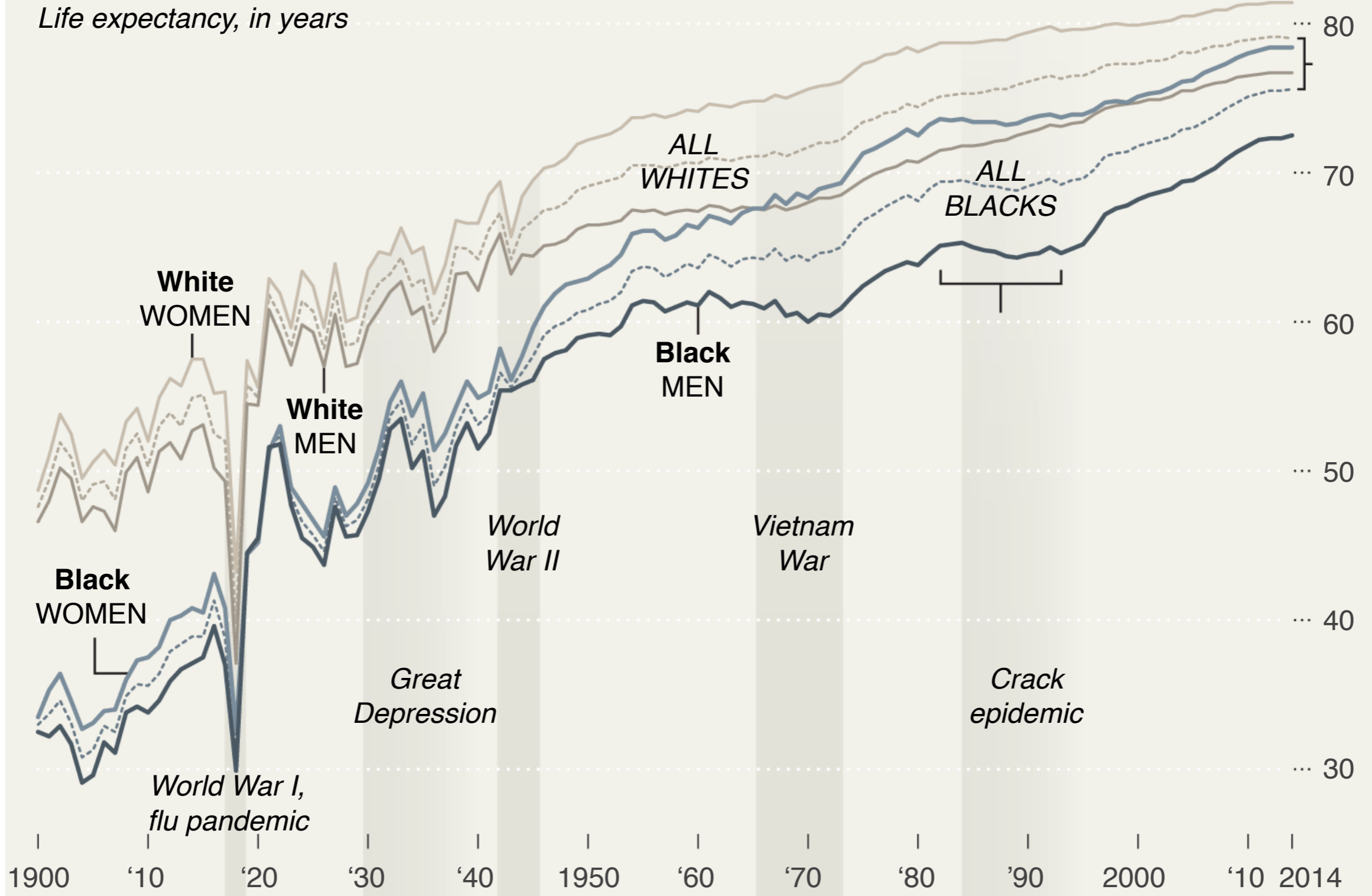
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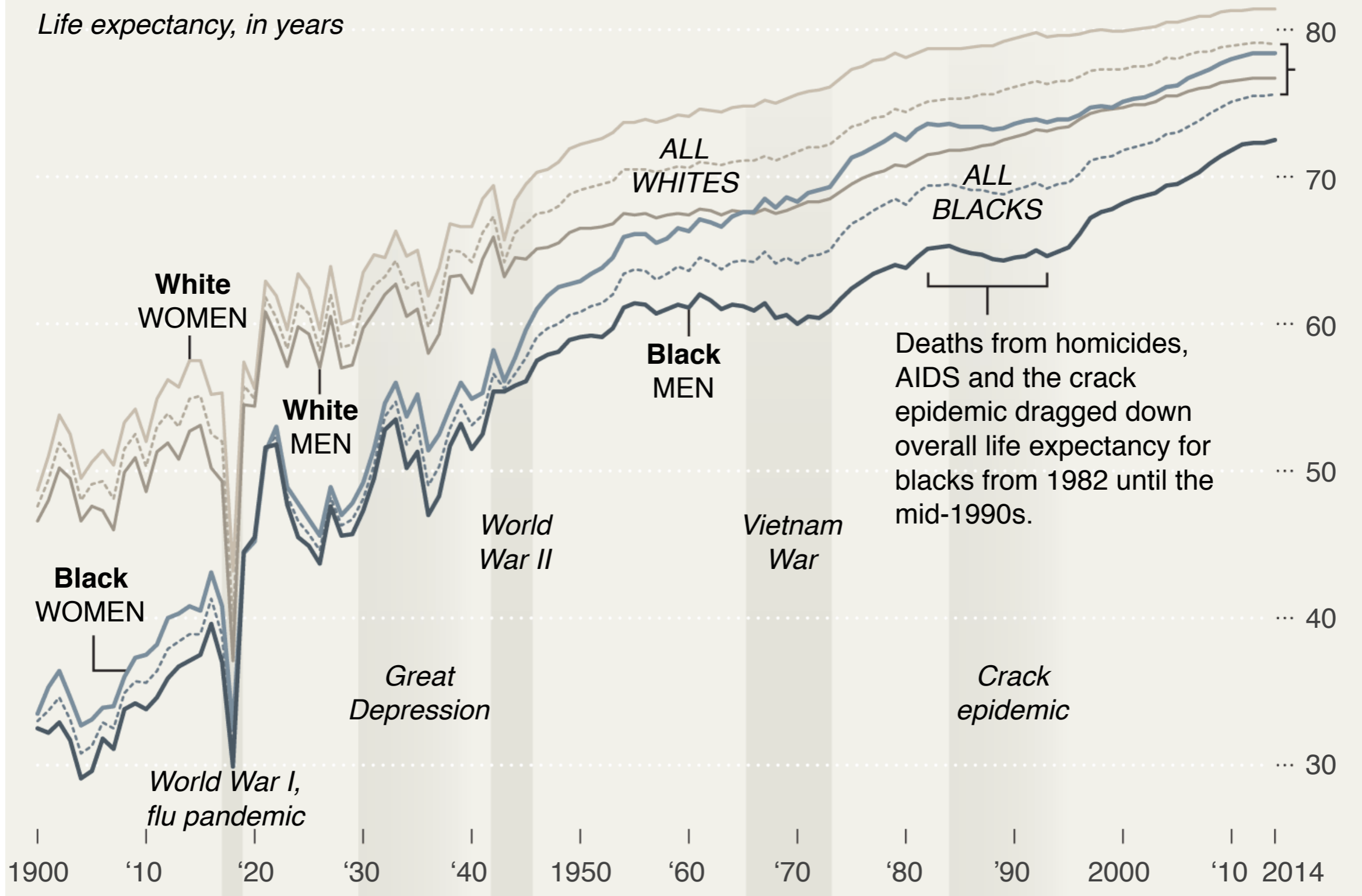
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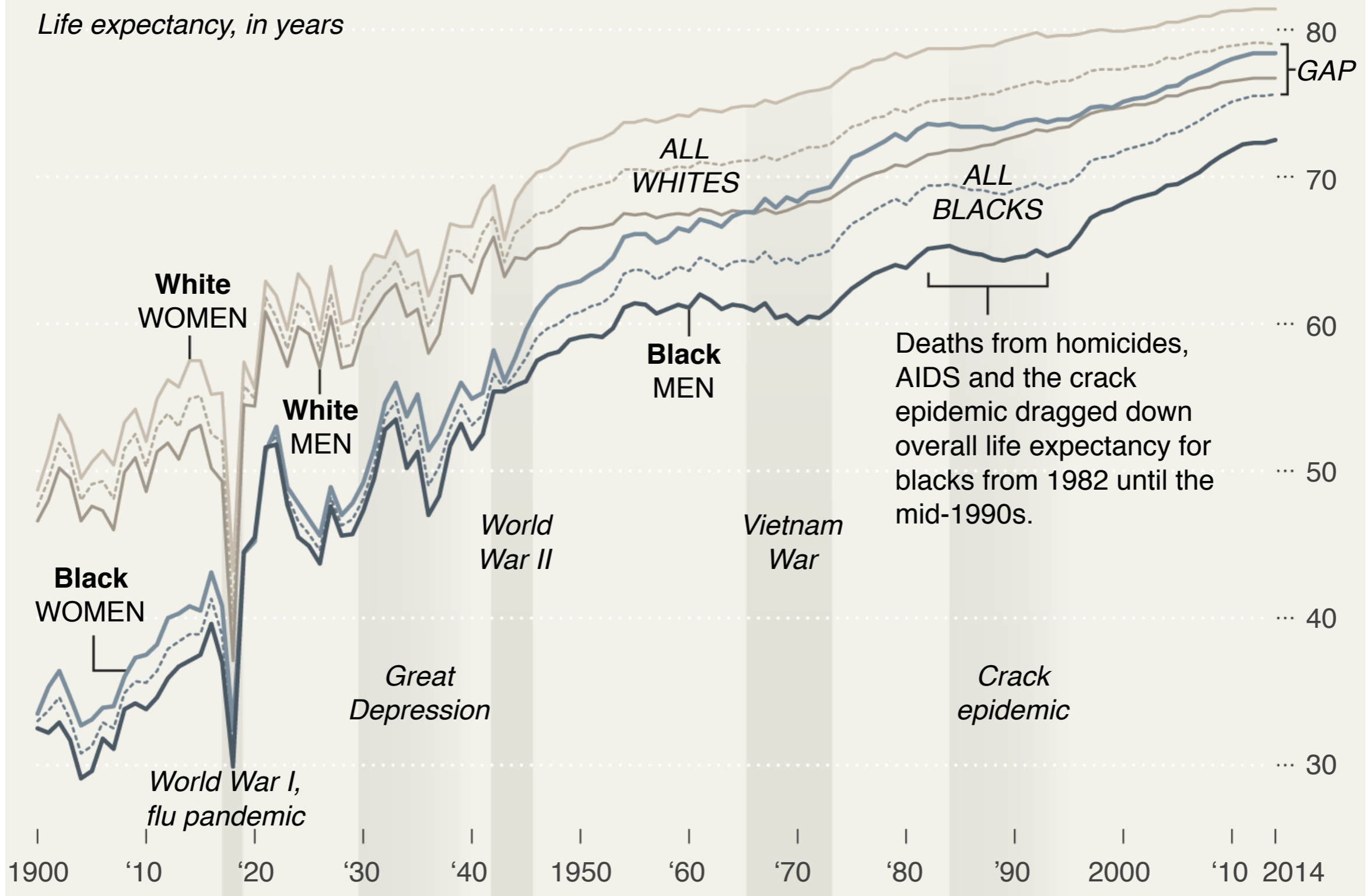
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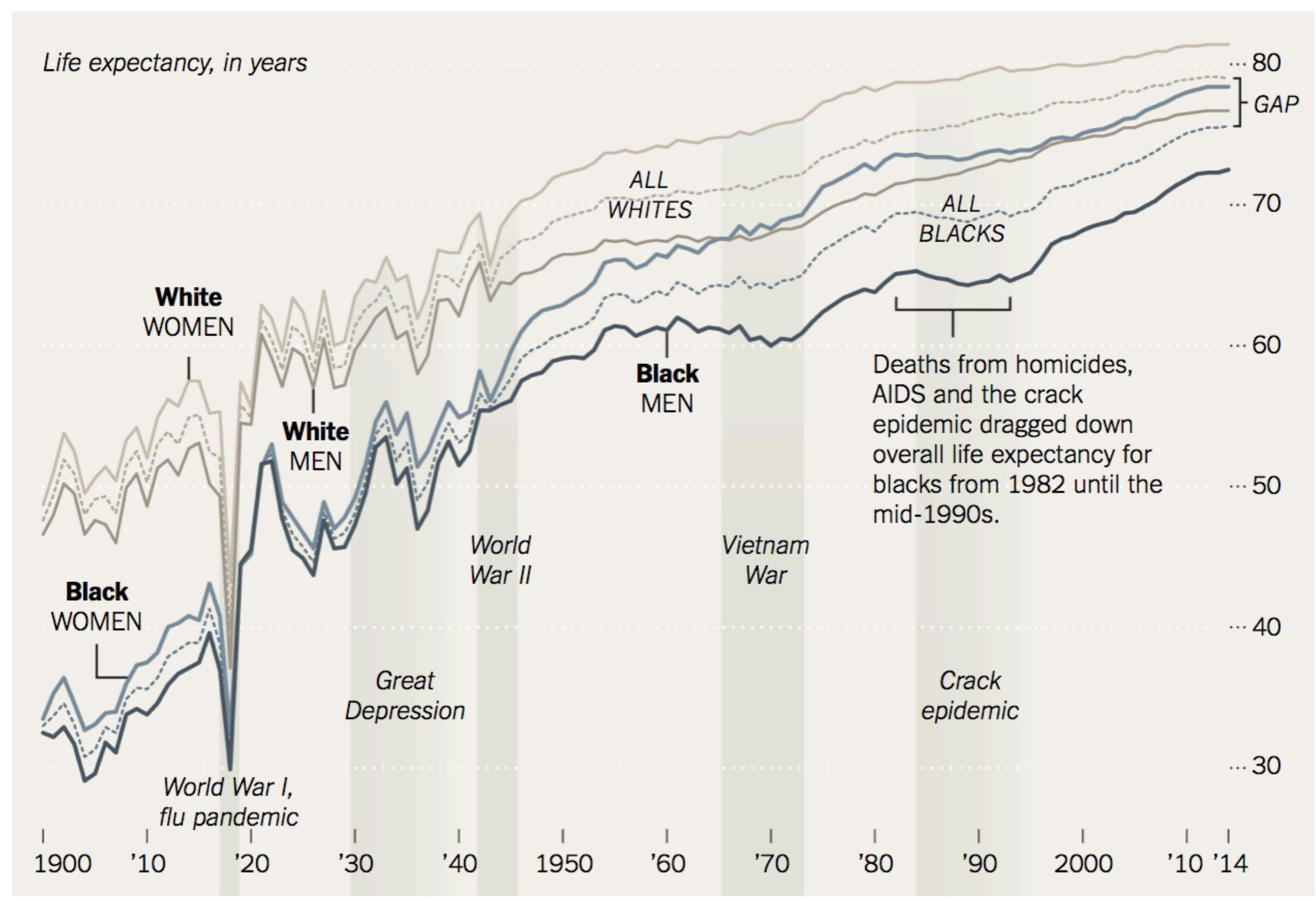
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Closing the Gap

Two decades of steady improvements in the health of black Americans have narrowed the gap between black and white life spans to 3.4 years, a record low.



Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; National Center for Health Statistics; National Vital Statistics System