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W.E.B. DuBois' writings about race, crime and the intersection of being Black in the criminal justice system in the United States applies to the Central Park Five Jogger Case. Dubois was the first African American to receive a PHD from Harvard University in 1896 who made an impact in the study of sociology and criminology of the 20th century. He was the voice for the Black community and his goal was to help and make a change within inequality and discriminations towards his community. Dubois was the first person to ever make a research about the crimes within black community and the sociological aspects behind it. The first time he ever experienced segregation was in college by the law but it wasn't the only experience that influenced his interest in crime and justice. The Philadelphia Negro by DuBois explains the intersection between race and the criminal justice system using history and the sociological aspect as well as how does it affect African Americans exposing racism. This study focuses in Philadelphia, more specifically the experience of African Americans in the Central Seventh Ward which is the oldest African American community. Dubois interviewed many residents and wrote about the living conditions within poor African Americans as well as the lack of healthcare and violence. He would explain how crime and poverty is inevitable because the system was already put this way because of the history of slavery giving unequal opportunity. Poverty and hopelessness is a factor that plays a role in violence and crime.

The case of Central Park Five is an example of injustice within the Black and Hispanic community. The discrimination that led five young teenage boys to be wrongfully convicted was an impactful social issue. This was a really known case but sadly this isn't the only case where individuals get wrongfully accused and spent years in prison. The five young teenage boys were not given a chance to be proven innocent even though there was no DNA proof at all making the criminal justice system doubtful to trust due to its corruption. The false statements were more than enough to put all of them behind bars even though it was told that these boys were coerced using their vulnerability against them.