

Segregation

Segregation did this to Gary.

When the jobs left,
the whites could move, and they did.
But we blacks didn't have a choice.
They wouldn't let us into their new
neighborhoods with the good jobs,
or if they let us, we sure as hell
couldn't afford it.

Then to make it worse, when we looked
at the nice houses they left behind,
we couldn't buy them because the
banks wouldn't lend us money.

**78-year-old black Gary, Indiana, resident
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