

THEORISING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RACIAL SEGREGATION AND RIOTING

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ABSTRACT

When social and economic pressures are placed on a society it would appear that something almost has to give. Certain factions of society, those that are mostly deeply affected by these social and economic pressures, react to how their everyday lives have been stretched to the limit by rioting. The most recent example of this is the summer riots of 2011. This link between social and economic pressures and rioting is historic as in 2001 civil unrest erupted in England's northern mill towns. The aim of this paper is to critically explore, from a British context, the theory behind society rioting. Oldham, a northern mill town that experienced rioting in 2001, will be used as a case study example.

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