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Anti-Blackness and the American Dream: Revisiting the 1992 L.A. Uprisings

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Twenty-five years have passed since a jury acquitted the four police officers charged with beating motorist Rodney King. In the wake of that acquittal, Los Angeles experienced three days of dissent, disorder, violence, and protest. Although collective memory often (and rightly) centers the black experience in that historical moment, the effects of the acquittal and uprisings were felt by many different communities of color, especially those comprised of immigrants. This event revisits that moment in history, keeping in mind both the broader racial landscape that has defined Los Angeles as well as the larger elements of anti-black racism that continue to define American life today.

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