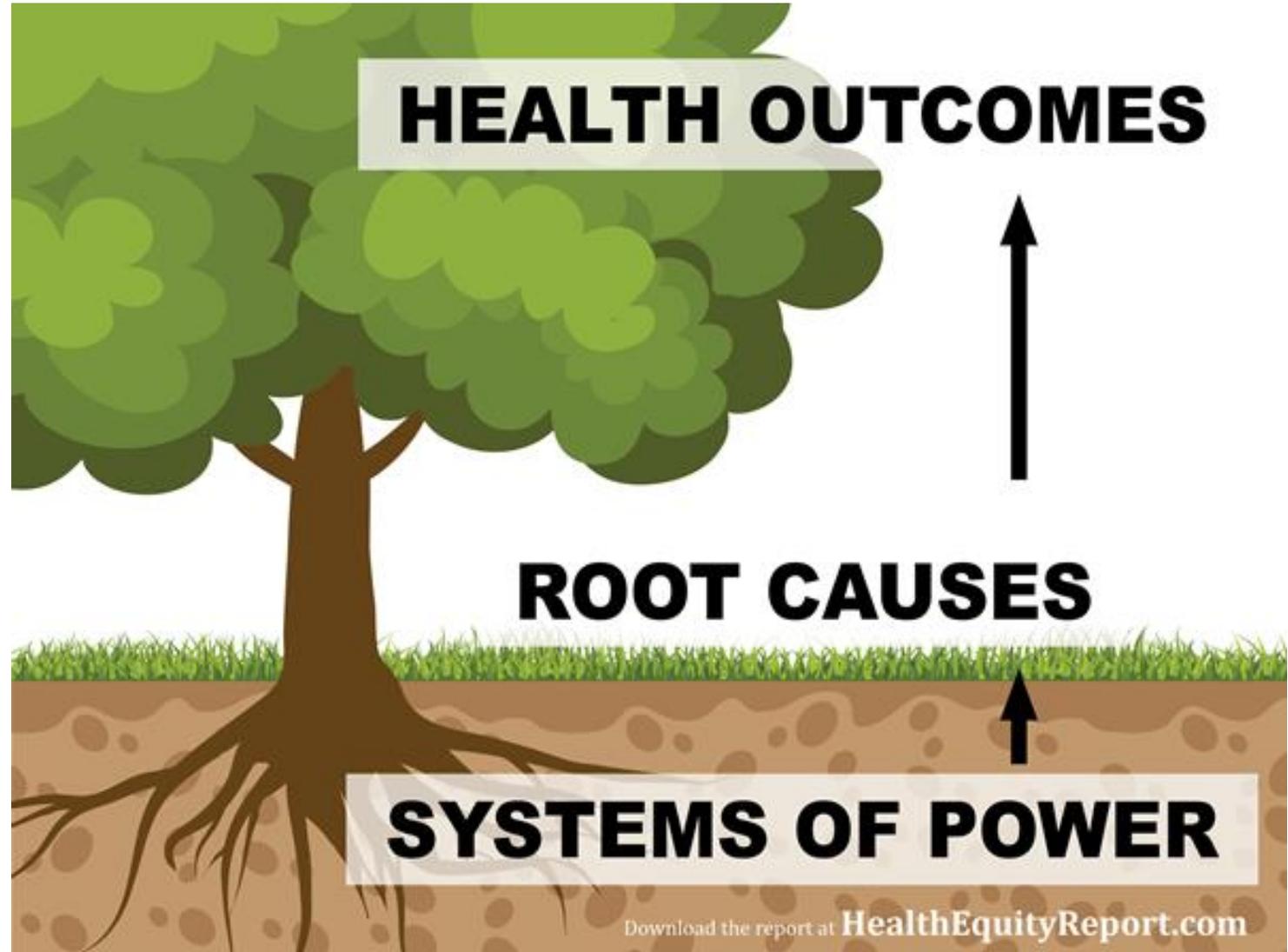


To improve public health we must address the root causes of health and focus on supporting and resourcing communities



“...police brutality is a public health issue. ‘People are dying. That’s our business, whether they are dying through a slow violence, such as structural racism, or COVID-19 or direct violence, like police brutality,’ she said. ‘If death and injury are outcomes of any disease, we in the health space have a responsibility to understand why—and to act.’”

--Prioritizing Equity: Policy Brutality and COVID-19,
American Medical Association panel

“Even in the absence of physical violence, stops by police — or the constant threat of stops by police — are associated with adverse mental health outcomes, including anxiety, depression, and post-traumatic stress disorder, especially for Black communities.”

--Health Instead of Punishment, *Human Impact Partners*

Health Effects

- Death
- Severe assault/physical injury
- Mental health
- Toxic Stress and Chronic Illness
- Childhood Development
- Access to Healthcare Services
- Trust in Government

Resourcing Care vs. Punishment

- Fund the social determinants of health
- Decriminalize activities shaped by the experience of marginalization
- Advance the policies, practices, and budgets that support health, not punishment.