

LBJ Appoints the members of the National Advisory Council on Economic Opportunity March 4, 1967 to "...advise the Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity and "report annually to the President and the Congress on the progress of the War on Poverty." Members included academics, attorneys and heads of national social service organizations.

<https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/documents/statement-the-president-upon-appointing-the-national-advisory-council-economic-opportunity>

LBJ transmits their first report to Congress on June 18, 1968.

<https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/documents/message-the-congress-transmitting-first-report-the-national-advisory-council-economic>

A set of paper copies the reports of the National Advisory Council and related meetings are found at Texas A&M in the archives of faculty member Dr. Hector Garcia, an original member of the Council. [http://archivesspace.tamucc.edu/repositories/4/archival\\_objects/13311](http://archivesspace.tamucc.edu/repositories/4/archival_objects/13311)

Paper files are catalogued here at the national Archives:

<https://www.archives.gov/research/guide-fed-records/groups/381.html>

1968 Feb 29 the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders -- Kerner Commission -- releases its report on urban riots "...after seven months of investigation. It attributed the riots to lack of economic opportunity for African Americans and Latinos, failed social service programs, police brutality, racism, and the orientation of national media to white perspectives. The 426-page report was a bestseller. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kerner\\_Commission](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kerner_Commission)

President Carter appoint Arthur Blaustein head of the National Advisory Council August 16, 1977

<https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/documents/national-advisory-council-economic-opportunity-appointment-arthur-i-blaustein-member-and>

And fifty years after the Kerner Commission things were -- a little bit better.

<https://www.rsjournal.org/content/4/6/1#:~:text=The%20authors%20conclude%20that%20fifty,black%20neighborhoods%20remain%20economically%20stagnant.>

Another view from fifty years later:

<https://www.epi.org/publication/50-years-after-the-kerner-commission/>