

We found that:

- (1) "A" store charged \$0.78 more in Bedford-Stuyvesant than in Flatbush.
- (2) "B" store charged \$0.07 more in Bedford-Stuyvesant than in Flatbush.
- (3) "C" store charged \$0.21 more in Bedford-Stuyvesant than in Flatbush.
- (4) "D" store charged \$0.08 more in Bedford-Stuyvesant than in Flatbush.
- (5) "E" store had no difference between the two areas; but we have to note that within this specific store, although there was no change in the total price of the shopping list, there were quite a few variances of prices among the items which counteracted each other, bringing about a balance of zero.

What were our findings in both areas one date later, that is November 16? We found that:

- (1) "A" store charged \$1 more in Bedford-Stuyvesant than in Flatbush.
- (2) "B" store charged \$0.25 more in Bedford-Stuyvesant than in Flatbush.
- (3) "C" store charged \$0.33 more in Bedford-Stuyvesant than in Flatbush.
- (4) "D" store charged \$0.49 more in Bedford-Stuyvesant than in Flatbush.
- (5) "E" store charged \$0.34 more in Bedford-Stuyvesant than in Flatbush.

Are these facts conclusive that prices in major chainstores are higher in "ghetto" areas than in non-ghetto areas? No, and yes.

No, because they do not point out a general trend and it is my measured professional opinion that at least for a period of 2 months these comparison shopping surveys have to be carried out in order to bring conclusive "data" to point out a possible general trend of operations of these major chainstores.

Yes, because it shows clearly that there are differences. We cannot point out any immediate reasons for these changes. But it brings out the need for continued research upon these lines in order to see if the residents of the ghetto are discriminated on an economic and residency basis.

Nevertheless, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Pérez, and other residents of the Bedford-Stuyvesant area, and the ones who conducted the shopping survey: Mrs. Mateo, Mrs. Fagan, Mrs. Lopez, Mrs. Livermore, Miss Soto and myself are questioning the fact that on those specific dates, regardless of the reason for these differences, the fact of the matter is that we paid from \$0.01 to \$0.28 more on different and particular items.

If we tabulate the changes in these 2 days (November 14 and November 16) we can clearly see that the change increases on November 16 are higher than the change increases on November 14.

TABULATION OF CHANGES BETWEEN BEDFORD-STUYVESANT AND FLATBUSH¹

Chainstore	Change on Nov. 14	Change on Nov. 16
A (Key Food).....	+\$0.78	+\$1.00
B (Associated Grocers).....	+.07	+.25
C (A. & P.).....	+.21	+.33
D (Waldbaum's).....	+.08	+.49
E (Royal Farms).....	0	+.34

¹ All these increases are on Bedford-Stuyvesant.

What were the findings in relation to the residents' complaints that prices changed on welfare checks arrival's date; that is, on the 1st and the 16th of the month?

The following table presents the changes between November 14 and November 16 in the five major chainstores in the Bedford-Stuyvesant area only.

CHANGES IN PRICES IN BEDFORD-STUYVESANT CHAINSTORES BETWEEN NOV. 14 AND NOV. 16

Chainstore	Total price		Change
	Nov. 14	Nov. 16	
A (Key Food).....	\$12.60	\$12.78	+\$0.18
B (Associated Grocers).....	10.87	11.05	+.18
C (A. & P.).....	10.29	10.41	+.12
D (Waldbaum's).....	8.60	9.05	+.45
E (Royal Farms).....	10.31	10.65	+.34