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It is vitally important that this information become common knowledge in that it shows the clear difference in health and life outcomes depending on variables that can only be altered on a policy level.

I think the ending pieces on race and on public health school education, although important would be better addressed as separate papers. Adding them on in the end distracts from the main theme of the paper. It would require an analysis of all the statewide data based on race and a whole other discourse about how schools of public health are failing to adequately address public advocacy and policy (which I agree with!).

I think so although I am not entirely familiar with the relevant literature to say much about this.

This is a valuable and timely article and having the data at a statewide level is very important because of the current state of our political situation. I would hope that efforts would be made to make this data more widely known in the press once it is published.