

**“Crisis in Levittown, Pennsylvania,” documentary film
produced by Lee Bobker and Lester Becker as part of “A
Series on Changing Neighborhoods,” Dynamic Films (1957)
(31 min.)**

A powerful and very teachable short documentary about the arrival in August 1957 of the Myers, a college-educated and professionally aspiring black family into the all-white middle class community of Levittown, Pennsylvania. Through interviews with community members, the film portrays the range of responses the Myers met. Several hundred hostile white neighbors harassed the young family, burned a cross on their lawn, and smashed their windows, yet others organized to defend the new family. The film is a powerful case study of racism and resistance to discrimination in the United States.

It is available for free online and, at 31 minutes, can be easily incorporated into a classroom session. Visit: http://www.archive.org/details/crisis_in_levittown_1957