Poor Mental Health and Risk of Mental Illness

Short-Term/Shifting Economic Environment in the U.S.
- Political and macroeconomic context influencing the distribution of wealth (especially in economic downturns)
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- Adverse Early Life Experiences
- Underemployment/Unemployment
- Housing Instability
- Food Insecurity
- Social Exclusion/Social Isolation
- Poor Access to and Quality of Health Care
- Poor Neighborhoods/Built Environments
- Low Education/Education Inequality
- Poverty/Low Income/Income Inequality

Long – Standing Historical and Socio – Cultural Context in the U.S.
- Cultural and societal norms pertaining to social position, prejudice, and exclusion (especially racial discrimination)

(Compton and Shim, 2015)