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Racial prejudice is a ubiquitous societal phenomenon, with potentially large economic and political effects. But how do we change attitudes towards minorities, and how can this change be persistent across generations? We focus on the interactions between African American soldiers and the native population of the United Kingdom during World War II and find that these interactions led to a persistent decline in prejudice several decades later. Voting for and membership of a far-right party are lower in areas with more historical contact between these groups and residents exhibit lower implicit and stated bias against black people. These findings emphasize the importance of intergroup contact to reduce prejudice, and, importantly, make such a reduction persistent as the effects survive intergenerational transmission.

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