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All talk and no action sometimes a good thing

When considering the ultimate alternative, talking about racial differences is a giant first step

As America dug itself out of the mess that had become the late 60s, then-Illinois governor Otto Kerner was asked to chair a panel to examine why a series of riots had devastated America's inner cities.

The Kerner Commission's sobering study attributed urban disorders to a-growing gap between rich and poor, black and white.

Thirty years later, the gulf remains, evidenced by a report released today by the Milton S. Eisenhower Foundation.

But is a national foundation needed to tell us what we can see at home? A recent survey of blacks and whites conducted locally by the Florida Institute of Government showed that a whopping number of black respondents vs. a small number of whites felt that race was still a major problem in our society. (More about the survey in an upcoming issue of Comment.)

Today through Sunday, groups of citizens from around the county will meet at City Hall and the Neighborhood Justice Center on Railroad Avenue to discuss ways of bringing us together. For more information call 891-8290.