



The Constant
Battle For Rights



Good Afternoon

I am Dalila Hernandez

I am here to present how many People Of Color, especially Black People Of Color, have been violated regarding their basic rights.

Before We Continue

The 13th Amendment

Introduced in January 31st, 1863, The Amendment states: “Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.”

The 14th Amendment

Introduced in July 9th, 1868, The Amendment states: No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

The 15th Amendment

Introduced in February 26th, 1869, The Amendment states: The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

Why were they written?

The 13th amendment was a predecessor to President Lincoln's Emancipation proclamation, so it was necessary.

Today, it helps a form of slavery today: prison labor

The 14th amendment was written to liberties and rights granted by the Bill of Rights to former slaves.

Today, it helps marginalized groups to have basic rights

The 15th Amendment was written to protect the voting rights of African American men after the Civil War.

Today, it helps black people share their opinion through vote.

Separate...but not equal

Although there were laws put in place to help African Americans thrive in the U.S. once freed from slavery, there were also state/local laws enforced to deprive African Americans of their rightful opportunities and enhance the legalization of racial segregation. These laws were named ***The Jim Crow Laws*** Which was a violation of the 14th and 15th amendments.



The name Jim Crow originated from a racist black minstrel of the same name



What was the Civil Rights Movement?

The civil rights movement entailed mass protest against the shackles of racial discrimination that dominated the south at the time. The movement intended to abolish racial oppression and the institution that slavery left behind, along with demanding federal protections for the rights they deserved as freed people. This movement birthed famous activists such as Malcolm x and Martin Luther King Jr.



What about today?



Today, with all the Black Lives Matter (BLM) protests occurring around the world, more and more people are learning how the U.S. government disregards black lives in America just like they did back then. These protests are to combat the violence toward African-Americans.

Today's not so different from a day in the 60's, for Republicans in Georgia have passed a law as recently as March 2021 that made it harder to vote, contributing to voter suppression by adding unnecessary hurdles for mail-in ballots. It can be seen as a loophole to violate the 15th amendment successfully without stating it outright, and it is done to enable, typically, the Republican party to win office or to stay in power in jurisdictions where less than a majority of likely voters supports their candidate or agenda.

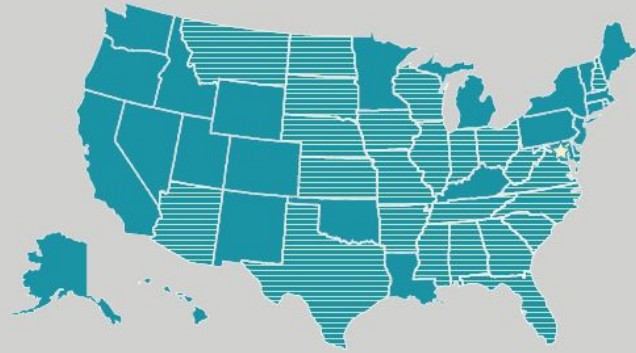
What is voters suppression?

Voter suppression, in U.S. history and politics, is any legal or extralegal measure or strategy whose purpose or practical effect is to reduce voting, or registering to vote, by members of a targeted racial group, political party, or religious community.

Voter suppression tactics include:

- Using poll taxes to keep marginalized people from voting.
- Grandfather clauses
- The need for literacy and comprehension tests
- Whites-only primary elections
- Needing photo identification and proof of citizenship requirements, registration restrictions
- Absentee ballot voting restrictions
- Reductions in early voting.

NEW VOTER SUPPRESSION LAWS IN THE UNITED STATES SINCE 2010



NH RI NJ MD VT MA CT DE DC

Source: "New Voting Restrictions In America." Brennan Center for Justice

Recent forms of voters suppression in 2020:

The trump administration's attempt to heighten the difficulty for voting in the 2020 election and blaming it on supposed COVID protection and suspected voter fraud, when none is existent, is unconstitutional and immoral, using whatever they can to scare off voters in order to have Trump win the 2020 election.

- Using voter intimidation by demanding far-right militias to patrol polling places while heavily armed in the name of “transparency,”
- Aggressive signature matching is to “ensuring” election integrity
- Distributing ballot drop-off sites by county instead of population size is intended to “enhance election security”

We should come together and continue fighting for the black lives lost under the United State's disregard with our voices, protests, and votes because as long as we're silent, things will stay the way they are.



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BLACK
VOICES**





Thank You!

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