

# The Fight: From Civil Rights to 2021 America

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## THE AMENDMENTS :

After the abolishment of Slavery, The 13th,14th, and 15th Amendments were Created to solidify the citizenship and rights to all AMERICAN people including Black Americans.

# 13th Amendment:

Passed by Congress on 31 January 1865; Ratified 6 December 1865

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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.

# 15th Amendment:

Passed by Congress 26 February 1869; Ratified 3 February 1870

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...

# 14th Amendment :

Passed by Congress 13 June 1866; Ratified 9 July 1868

All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. 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...

**NOTICE HOW ALL AMENDMENTS have been challenged when it comes to Black Americans**



## The Civil Rights Movement:

The Civil rights movement was the fight for black liberation and equal citizenship.

This consisted of numerous activism and advocacy from people seeking political, social, and economic rights for Black Americans.

One of the main purpose for the Civil Rights Movement was to address the racial discrimination, social injustices, and end the generational ideologies.





We have all the right to pay our respects to brave and integral men and women for our reason of being where we are today. Rosa Parks, Malcolm X, The great writers, educators, the musicians, the political figures. Especially, the parents of those who lost their children due to the vindictive acts of Racism.

The Parents of Emmett Till, after seeing the corpse

of their 14 year old son after being brutally beaten and lynched.



## Martin Luther King & Billy Graham

Two men I'd like to acknowledge,  
Are both men of the Christian Faith,  
Activists and believed so much in the  
Power of LOVE.

To the right of the well known MLK,  
Is Billy Graham.



Billy Graham during segregation and the fight of civil rights, had to preach amongst thousands of people. He refused to preach the gospel if they had the arena separated by color and race. This was a huge protocol that was broken due to a White man standing for unity, love, and Christ.



**“It’s important for us to also understand that the phrase ‘Black Lives Matter’ simply refers to the notion that there’s a specific vulnerability for African Americans that needs to be addressed. It’s not meant to suggest that other lives don’t matter. It’s to suggest that other folks aren’t experiencing this particular vulnerability.”**

**— President Barack Obama**



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## **THINK ABOUT IT :**

Slavery lasted about 400 years whilst the civil rights movement began in 1954 and ended in 1968. If we think about it, it has only been 67 years since the fight of Black Liberation. 400 years vs 67 years, it makes me reflect on how far we have come considering the small amount of time. In that same manner, how much we have to go.

With Hope, and our daily efforts... We will get there.

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