



AFRIKAN AMERICANS FREEDOM UNION

Our Purpose: To end continuing incidents of slavery and Jim Crow and all manner of abuses of power and oppression that causes civil disorder and human misery and suffering in society. To protect the natural rights, human rights, civil rights and constitutional rights of the people to live in a state of complete solidarity with freedom, justice, equality, public safety, and peace with fellow humans.

Our Vision: We imagine the world to be a human resource center, a society of institutions where all people, regardless of race, gender, class, or sexual orientation can learn, share and grow together and help and support each other in the interest of the rights of the people, human dignity, and making peace in the world.

Our Mission: To bring about neighborhood revitalization and create economic, political, communal, health, faith-based, and educational opportunities in under-resourced and under-served communities and empower them to collaborate with community partners in the control of decisions, projects, programs, and policies that affect all human beings.

Our Areas of Focus: Afrikan Americans Freedom Union (AAFU) empowers community residents to organize and participate in collaboration with community partners in the making and control of decisions, projects, programs, and policies that affect them and their communities.

"This is not a struggle of white against black but of the oppressor against the oppressed"

- Malcolm X

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Continuing Incidents of Slavery and Jim Crow in the U.S.



Chattel Slavery
1619-1865



The End of the Civil War
April 9, 1865



Assassination of Abraham Lincoln
April 14, 1865
Confederate sympathizer John Wilkes Booth murdered Lincoln, marking the beginning of the end of reconstruction



13th Amendment
Dec 1865
The 13th Amendment legalized slavery as punishment for crime.



Black Codes

1865
Starting in 1865, a series of laws were enacted targeting former slaves

Convict Lease System

1870-1898
States began leasing prisoners to private companies, creating a new slave-trade system

Segregation

1877-1965
Jim Crow laws enacted segregation in American Schools for Black students were underfunded, overcrowded, & physically deteriorating.

Lynchings

1890s-1920s
Lynchings reached their highest levels between the 1890s-1920s

Dred Scott v. Sanford

1857
"[African Americans] had for more than a century before been regarded as beings of an inferior order, and altogether unfit to associate with the white race, either in social or political relations; and so far inferior, that they had no rights which the white man was bound to respect; and that the negro might justly and lawfully be reduced to slavery for his benefit. He was bought and sold, and treated as an ordinary article of merchandise and traffic, whenever a profit could be made by it." - Chief Justice Roger Taney

"There are more Afrikan Americans under correctional control today, in prison or jail, on probation or parole, than were enslaved in 1850, a decade before the Civil War began!"

- Michelle Alexander

Brown V. Board of Education

1954
Racial segregation in public schools ruled unconstitutional

FBI's COINTELPRO

1956
The FBI infiltrated the Civil Rights & Black Power Movements in an effort to delegitimize them

Assassination of Martin Luther King Jr

April 4, 1968

Get-Tough-On-Crime and the War on Drugs

1970s
Public safety has focused on "get-tough-on-crime" policies since the 1970s. Ex. include the 1994 Crime Bill, the Anti-Terrorism & Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996, and the Prison Litigation Reform Act



Civil Rights Movement

1954-1968
Fought to end racial segregation in America. They were met with police brutality and public scrutiny



Convict Leasing Banned

1941
President Roosevelt issued Circular #3591 Abolishing Convict Leasing



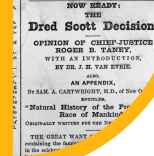
The "Projects"

1937
"Projects" were created for Black families in 1937, located in ghettos & underdeveloped areas. Public Housing served as a mode of government sponsored segregation.



The Chain Gang

1913-1955
The Chain Gang replaced the Convict Lease System



Police Killings against Unarmed Black Men

In 2020 Black Lives Matter Protests took over the world after the continued murders of unarmed black men by police. The disparate treatment of unarmed black men and armed white men has become more and more transparent. For example, police officers reportedly purchased Burger King for Dylann Roof after he killed nine people in a Charleston church. In comparison, officers murdered George Floyd, who was accused of using a counterfeit bill, by kneeling on his neck for more than nine minutes while he cried, "I can't breathe".



Mental Health

We now have clear evidence that culture can change brains, and that the generational violence and trauma associated with slavery and Jim Crow and poverty can play a role in shaping brain structure and, in turn, learning behavior



Jim Crow Juries

"The U.S. Supreme Court in Ramos vs. Louisiana (2020) held: 'the Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution requires that guilty verdicts for criminal trials be unanimous.' However, in Edwards vs Vannoy (2021) the Supreme Court ruled that its landmark decision in Ramos vs Louisiana does not apply to defendants who were wrongly convicted before that decision."



Louisiana Minimum Wage Policy is Wage Slavery

In 2022, Louisiana is one of five states who have not adopted a state minimum wage, constituting a continuing incident of slavery and Jim Crow



The historical process of marginalizing and exploiting Black communities results in increased poverty, drug addiction, crime and homicide rates, and ultimately mass incarceration.



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