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**2 Seasoning:** Kidnapped slaves taken to the West Indies to dehumanize & obliterate their identity; sever their past bonds; teach the European language; rename them; adapt to new forced labor & living conditions.

**3 Lynching:** An act of racial control, terror, & victimization to enforce Jim Crow laws in southern states. Punishment included tarring & feathering, beating and later escalating into murderous hangings of mostly Blacks – often for no crime, minor offenses, or for demanding fair treatment.

**4 The first** broadly publicized deadly lynching occurred in Madison County, MS, in 1835 and another in Vicksburg. Between 1865 and 1950 there were at least 708 lynchings in MS, the vast majority of the victims were Black.

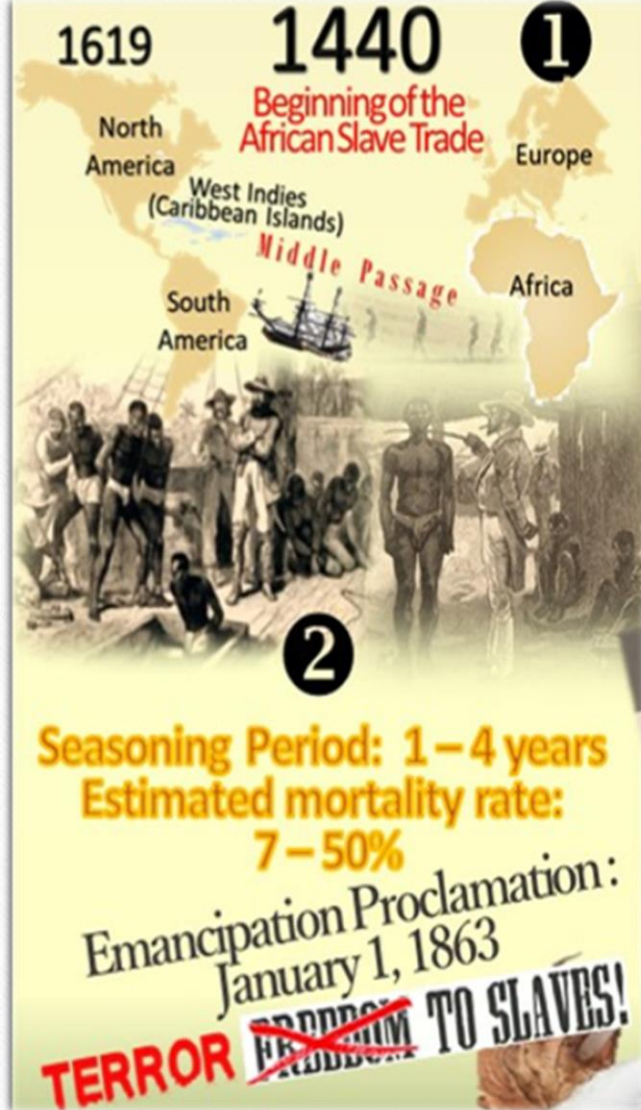
**5 Paddling** is dated back to slavery as a way to punish the black bodies of slaves. It has also been used as punishment against inmates in the American prison systems and became a source of “disciplining” students in school districts.

**6 Black students constitute** 16% of public schools in the U.S. but 35% of Corporal Punishment incidents with Black boys having the highest rate in the Nation. There is a distinct correlation in schools where counties and states had distinct histories of violent racialized control and physical discipline to punish marginalized groups.

Though most instances of the widespread but under-reported phenomenon occurred throughout the Deep South, Mississippi had a rate of 18.73%. The Holmes County School District reported paddling 281 students in one school year. [The practice was banned in 2018; Supreme Court ruled constitutional in 1977. Span of 41 years averages \$11,521 in ONE county.]

**7 Schoolhouse to Prison Pipeline:** The United States has the highest adult & juvenile incarceration rates in the world. Mississippi has the 3rd highest in the U.S.





**1619** North America

**1440** Beginning of the African Slave Trade

**1** Europe

West Indies (Caribbean Islands)

Middle Passage

South America

**2**

Seasoning Period: 1–4 years  
Estimated mortality rate: 7–50%

Emancipation Proclamation: January 1, 1863

**TERROR** ~~FREEDOM~~ **TO SLAVES!**

- MAAFA!**  
The Afrikan Holocaust  
Imperial Greed & Lust for Global Wealth & Power
- Piracy on the High Seas  
Converted to Land
  - Domestic Terror, Forced Migration & Genocide
  - Psychological Warfare & Systemic Mis-Education
  - Super Exploitation of African Physical & Mental Labor



## NJFC ANTI-CORPORAL PUNISHMENT CAMPAIGN: WHERE DO WE BEGIN?

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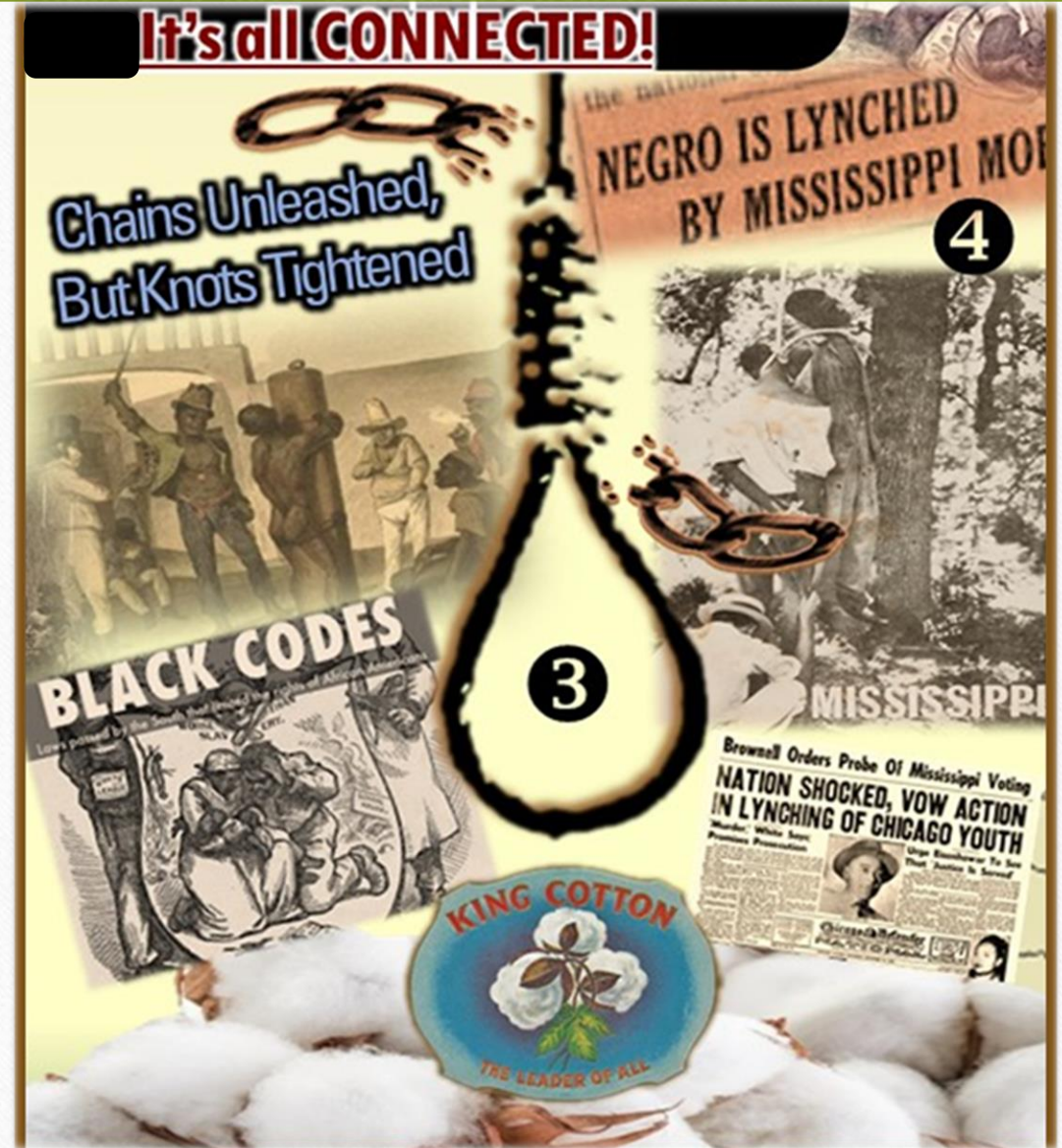
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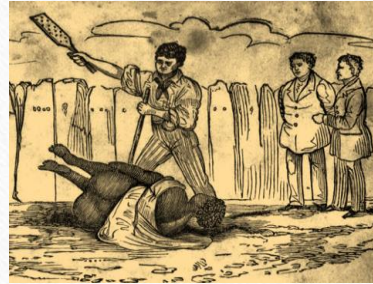
## NJFC ANTI-CORPORAL PUNISHMENT CAMPAIGN: WHY LYNCHING?

3. **LYNCHING**: Acts of **racial victimization, terror & control** used against Black people to enforce Jim Crow laws in southern states; **Form of punishment and/or torture leading to death** including hanging and strangling a person by their neck; Often accompanied by other forms of **torture to prolong the agony of the victim(s)**, including tarring, featherings, beating, and mutilation by white racists mobs. Victims - committed a minor offense, or no crime at all.

4. **LYNCHING IN MISSISSIPPI**: 1st broadly publicized deadly lynching - Vicksburg, 1835. Between 1865 and 1950, there were at least **708 lynchings** in MS, the vast majority of victims being Black. **Why???**







5. **PADDLING**: A form of physical punishment; Using a wooden plank to beat a person for committing an offense or for revolting;
- Evolved in use during the **Middle Passage** to ensure the \$\$\$ value of the cargo (i.e., kidnapped Africans) was not diminished by visible scars from whippings & other forms of inhumane brutality & torture;
  - A standard form of **corporal punishment** used against slaves, inmates in American prisons, and as a form of discipline in American schools.

**\*\*\* To Make Them Stand in Fear \*\*\***

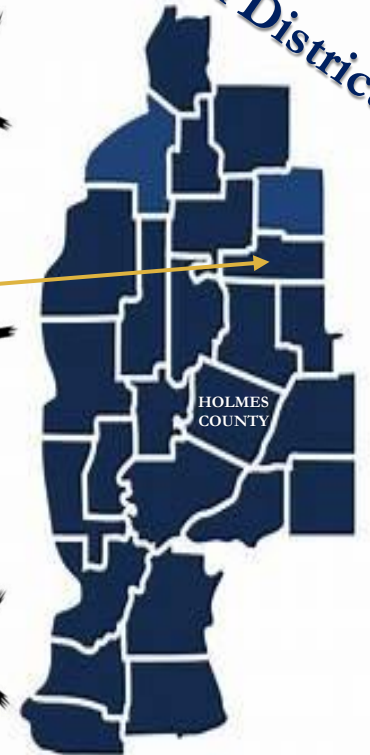
6. **BLACK STUDENTS & CORPORAL PUNISHMENT**:

- Black Students = 16% of the Nation's Public-school Population
- Black Students = 35% of Total # of Corporal Punishment Incidents
- Black Male Students = Highest Corporal Punishment & Suspension Rates
- States w/ Highest Rates of **Lynching** = Highest Corporal Punishment Rates
- Mississippi = Recorded Highest Annual Corporal Punishment Rate -18.73%
- Holmes County, MS = Highest # of CP Incidents In 1 Year - 281 Paddlings!

The Unsolved Lynching of Emmet Till



Mississippi 2nd Congressional District



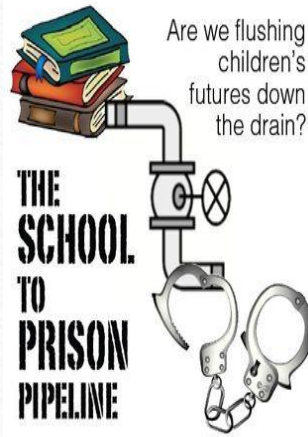
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STATES THAT HAVE LAWS PERMITTING CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN SCHOOLS



## 7. SCHOOLHOUSE TO PRISON PIPELINE:

Corporal Punishment → In- & Out-of-School Suspensions → Juvenile Incarceration → Adult Imprisonment. The U.S. has the highest juvenile and adult incarceration rates in the world! Mississippi has the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest incarceration rate in the nation! **It's all CONNECTED!**

