

What is the Fourth of July to Blacks?

Many Black Americans, including those residing in Washington, D.C., express a lack of resonance with the Fourth of July celebrations. Research indicates that 40% of Black Americans choose not to celebrate this holiday. They believe that the independence and freedom the day signifies haven't been fully realized for Black people in the country. While some Black Washingtonians don't celebrate the Fourth of July in its traditional sense, they might use the day as an opportunity to spend time with family and create memories. Juneteenth, commemorating the emancipation of enslaved people in Texas, is presented as a more fitting celebration for many Black Americans, signifying a truer sense of freedom and recognition.



After Prison, Opportunities Are Hard to Come By. Enter Entrepreneurship.

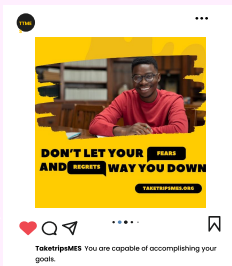
Formerly incarcerated individuals are 40 percent more likely to pursue entrepreneurship than those without a history of incarceration, finds a new study from Kellogg's Kylie Hwang and her coauthor Damon Phillips. While entrepreneurship can be lucrative, it isn't as popular in places with ban-the-box policies—particularly for Black individuals, who face the highest levels of labor-market discrimination. This suggests that, for those with a record of incarceration, high levels of entrepreneurship are a reflection of a lack of employment opportunities.

Kentucky incarcerates people at a rate higher than all but one country, data shows

Kentucky has one of the highest incarceration rates globally, surpassing all but one country. This alarming trend is highlighted in a recent report by the Prison Policy Initiative, which reveals that Kentucky imprisons 898 people per 100,000, a rate higher than most nations. The report emphasizes the urgent need for reform in Kentucky's criminal justice system, particularly given its disproportionately high incarceration rates compared to other states and even countries with authoritarian regimes.

Quote

"If liberty means anything at all, it means the right to tell people what they do not want to hear." – George Orwell



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