

Movement of Africans in USA

- # The real problem is historical institutionalization of poverty
- # Sugar, Rice, Cotton, Tobacco - Plantation System based INDUSTRY THRIVED on cheap Slave Labor. ∴ initial foundations of thriving US economy were based on Slavery.

SLAVERY: 13th Amendment - 1865 abolished slavery in whole of US but Southern States found ways to continue
Black Servitude |
How?

Introduced BLACK CODES e.g. in Louisiana. The codes stated THAT "every Black needs to be in service of a white person else will be arrested". These codes were finally banned in 1866.

- # Convict Leasing: for free black labor
 - ↳ method: arrest more blacks & then make them do free labor as Prisoners by leasing them to white businessmen.
 - ↳ E.g.: Plantation owners in Southern states leased prisoners for work on farms
 - ↳ BLACK PRISONERS were taken on lease by COAL mines in ALABAMA in 1890s.

Police OPPRESSION (EARLY 20th century) : Majority of prisoners were black
A in many places standard police procedure was to
arrest & hold for 10 days before decision on whether
to apply charges or not.

CIVIL RIGHTS movement (1960s)

Civil Rights movt (1960s) was a movt \hookrightarrow Racism and
also a movt of Workers against Capitalism, \therefore in favor of
Socialism. BLACKS were POOR \therefore most formed Part of Working CLASS.

KARL MARX (died 1883) had pointed out how Racist ideology
can be used by Ruling class to divide Black & White workers.
E.g. after banning of SLAVERY, white & black workers contd
to clash \wedge unite as a working class.

1946 - 60 : Economic expansion in USA & WAGES OF WORKERS
ALSO Fed. However BLACKS DID NOT BENEFIT & \therefore CIVIL RIGHTS
MOV'T BEGAN in 1950s.

\ddagger SEGREGATION / SEPARATENESS : i.e. SEPARATE Housing FOR BLACKS
but also SEGREGATION OF JOBS, SEPARATE TOILETS, SEPARATE
RESTAURANTS, SEPARATE HOTELS, SCHOOLS etc in SOUTHERN STATES.

- # BLACKS DID NOT BENEFIT FROM BOOM IN HOUSING INFRA AS MOST NEW NEIGHBOURHOODS WERE WHITE NEIGHBOURHOODS.
- # 50% OF BLACKS WERE BELOW POVERTY LINE
- # VERY FEW BLACKS IN SENIOR POSITIONS IN EMPLOYMENT
- # BLACK SCHOOLS HAD INFERIOR EDUCATION STANDARDS

GOALS / DEMANDS OF CIVIL RIGHTS MVT:

- # DESSEGREGATION OF SCHOOLS I.E. ALLOW BLACK CHILDREN IN BETTER (WHITE) SCHOOLS. BLACK CHILDREN WERE NOT ALLOWED IN WHITE SCHOOLS BY LAW.
- # EQUAL STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC FACILITIES / UTILITIES TO BLACKS.
- # MORE SCHOOLS & COLLEGES FOR BLACKS

MVT:

- # 1955: ROSA PARK (A WOMAN CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST)
REFUSED TO MOVE TO BACK SEAT OF A BUS
& THEN WAS ARRESTED. THIS → TO 1 yr OF BUS BOYCOTT
BY BLACKS IN MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA.
- # MARTIN LUTHER KING JR
 - WAS A PASTOR & LED BUS BOYCOTT.
 - ∴ BLACK CHURCHES PLAYED IMPORTANT ROLE IN ORGANIZATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS MVT.
 - SETUP SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVISTS & CHURCH LEADERS AS MEMBER & GOAL OF ENDING SEGREGATION. (1960s)

ARKANSAS: Governor Deployed NATIONAL GUARDS TO PREVENT ENTRY OF BLACK KIDS INTO A SCHOOL.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER SENT ARMY TO ensure THEM GET ENTRY & THESE SOLDIERS WALKED KIDS TO SCHOOL FOR 1 YR.

OVERALL, IN SOUTHERN STATES THERE WAS STILL LITTLE PARTICIPATION OF BLACK STUDENTS IN WHITE DOMINATED SCHOOLS

President Lyndon Johnson (1965) " Freedom not enough, we need equality as a result of this freedom"

CIVIL RIGHTS ACT 1964

↳ outlawed any discrimination based on Race & color

IMMIGRATION & NATIONALITY ACT 1965

ended restriction of Race & color for immigration

Problems in Black Communities are misidentified as BAD CULTURAL issues:

- ↳ Civil Rights Act 1964 failed to solve issues of Crime & Poverty among Blacks
- ↳ whites blamed Crime & Poverty on inferior black culture
 - e.g. some politicians believe the Black Communities who are poor are unfamiliar with value of work

Even President OBAMA said on violence :

"We need better role models in Black Neighborhoods than Gangbangers"
∴ There exist Societal Stereotypes that Blacks are lazy & against Authority and Education

COLOR BLIND America (1970s)

In 1970s politicians & media began propagating that now America is COLOR BLIND i.e. there is no discrimination on basis of color & no Racism in US. Hence continuation of poverty, poor education & crime among Blacks in FUTURE would not be due to Racism and ∴ of INFERIOR BLACK CULTURE.

BUT REALITY WAS THAT Ban of SLAVERY (1865) & Civil Rights Act 1964 didn't end Black poverty

PROPAGANDA BUILT AROUND COLOR BLIND AMERICA :

Why Blacks are poor, criminals, uneducated?

∴ by

their cultural weaknesses.

Which ⇒ the Govt can't do anything about it and

∴ any +ve intervention by Govt in form of
targetted Govt funding / intervention will be unfair
to non blacks and would be a waste ∵ cultural
problems won't be solved by such govt action.

i. COLOR BLIND propaganda ⇒ led withdrawal of +ve intervention
by STATE

∴ Systemic suppression in past but no systemic upliftment in future.

and many times not solving a problem perpetuates a
problem & ∴ COLOR BLIND became a tool for continuation
of Black oppression as Racism did exist but everyone
said no we are color blind.

Color Blind PROPAGANDA formed basis of withdrawal of social
welfare funding in (1969-75) NIXON administration.

"America is a free & independent society & poverty
is a result of individual choice"

NIXON Shifted FUNDS from SOCIAL WELFARE $\xrightarrow{\text{To}}$ ↑ in Police force
that ↑ed police
atrocities.

1980s REAGAN further cut Federal AID for social welfare programmes to cities, ↑ing capacity to help poverty struck Black neighborhoods.

Cuts in Social welfare programs expenditure have had lasting impact on black education & poverty.

COLD WAR: In 1970s there was crackdown on Leftist organizations but Blacks were hit the hardest.

Black Politicians rose but conditions of Blacks didn't improve:

b Beginning 1967, many Mayors of important cities have been black including Police Chiefs & OBAMA 1ST black President in 2009.

b BUT THEY DON'T HAVE SUPPORT FOR TARGETED +ve intervention

FOR BLACKS. ALSO many feel THAT Black political elites have no fundamental political difference with the status quo in the US.

2015 Survey by USA TODAY found Blacks are 10 times more likely to be arrested than any other race.

2020 # Today "BLACK LIVES MATTER" slogan has become the rallying cry of Black Activism

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There is demand for compensation to Blacks.

One millionaire has put the fig at 14 Trillion \$

over a span of decades \Rightarrow 10,000 USD per Black person

This on lines of Germany's payments to Jews TODAY.

#1 13th Amen (1865)
Banned Slavery
But South intro BLACK CODES (1865-66)

#2 1868: 14th Amen gave citizenship to all males born & naturalized in US

#3) 1870: 15th Amen bars denial of R2V on basis of Race, color.
∴ BLACKS got R2V. after Civil War.

∴ Blacks got citizenship after civil war
1861-65

#4

Convict Leasing (1870s)

#5 Civil Rights Movt (1960s) ^{now} ↳ RACISM. + CAPITALISM

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