



RADICAL LEADERS

UNCOVERING OUR PAST
TO BUILD THE DEMOCRACY

WE ALL DESERVE



WHERE DID WE COME FROM? OUR ORIGIN STORY: Explores how the laws and values of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy were integral in the writing of the Constitution, yet Native Americans' cultural and religious traditions, and practices were outlawed until 1978. How people gather, express their cultural identities, and practice community continues to be an issue of contention in modern America. We examine how these issues manifest at the many levels of government and how we can approach these issues of religious and cultural freedoms with an equity lens with experts including Dr. Sally Roesch Wagner, Author of [Sisters in Spirit: Haudenosaunee \(Iroquois\) Influences on Early American Feminists](#), Prairie Rose Seminole, Policy Analyst, and Sabina Mohyuddin, Executive Director for the American Muslim Advisory Council.

- **[HOW THE IROQUOIS AND OTHER INDIAN NATIONS HELPED TO SHAPE THE VISION OF WOMEN AS EQUALS - Suffragettes2020.com](#)**

A variety of links to different articles/essays that are focused on the Iroquois women and their impact on modern day feminism. These impacts include voting rights for women, The Great Law of Peace, separation of church and state, etc.

- **[CONTROVERSIES OVER MOSQUES AND ISLAMIC CENTERS ACROSS THE U.S. - Pew Research](#)**

A collection of information regarding different controversies over Mosques and Islamic Centers in the U.S. This piece includes an interactive map of the 53 proposed Mosque sites, as well as brief descriptions of each site. Descriptions include the original conflict over the sites and their status as of 2012.

- **[NEIGHBORS SUPPORT ISLAMIC CENTER OF GREATER CHATTANOOGA - Chattanooga Times Free Press](#)**

This article from Chattanooga Times Free Press covers the grand opening of the Islamic Center of Greater Chattanooga, while also comparing this Islamic Center with that of the controversial Islamic Center of Murfreesboro. Clint Cooper explains the difference between the two grand openings, and why one has more controversy than the other, even with a shared vision.

- **[HOW THE IROQUOIS GREAT LAW OF PEACE SHAPED U.S. DEMOCRACY - PBS](#)**

PBS article about the Great Law of Peace, that was created by the Iroquois. When settlers came to the Americas, they learned that the Iroquois had a developed and model way of living, and their society is one of the biggest influences of American democracy. The article breaks down the Great Law of Peace and how it was basically a checks and balances system used by the Iroquois to maintain peace and harmony within their community.

- **[NATIVE PERSPECTIVES ON THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ACT - Smithsonian Magazine](#)**

Article from the Smithsonian magazine commemorating the 40th anniversary of the American Indian Religious Freedom Act. Dennis Zotigh interviewed a few natives from different tribes to get their opinions on the Freedom Act, and how it has positively or negatively affected their traditions.

- **[REVOLUTIONARY LIMITS: NATIVE AMERICANS - UShistory.org](#)**

This article explains the revolutionary war from the Native American point of view, and how it was not a victory for them. In summary, the native americans were strong allies, but the end result of the war never did anything beneficial for their tribes.

- **[RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE IN AMERICA: A DOCUMENTARY HISTORY- John Corrigan & Lynn S. Neal](#)**

John Corrigan writes about the different instances of religious intolerance in America throughout history, including hate speech, discrimination, incarceration, expulsion, and violence. The book is organized according to themes of intolerance, and covers several different religious practices and the ways that they have been discriminated against in America.

- **[SISTERS IN SPIRIT: HAUDENOSAUNEE \(IROQUOIS\) INFLUENCES ON EARLY AMERICAN FEMINISTS - Dr. Sally Roesch Wagner](#)**

Intrepid historian Sally Roesch Wagner recounts the compelling struggle for freedom and equality waged by women in the United States and documents the influence and inspiration Native American women gave to this dynamic social movement. The personal and political changes unleashed by the Iroquois/feminist relationship continue to transform our lives.

- **[AMERICAN HERETICS: CATHOLICS, JEWS, MUSLIMS, AND THE HISTORY OF RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE - Peter Gottschalk](#)**

Peter Gottschalk writes about the group of Irish and German Catholics in the 19th century that went by the name of “know nothings”. They were a hate group that believed certain religions were going against American culture and values, so they rioted.

HOW DID WE BEGIN? THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR: Explores how the Revolutionists reconciled their notions of equality with the widespread system of slavery. This episode examines the very essence of how America came to be through the Revolutionary War, how service and duty are exchanged for citizenship and freedom, and acknowledging the very people who suffered the most in the name of that freedom, especially Black patriots who experienced the brunt of hatred within the country they helped to build with experts: **Felicia Escobar**, Former Obama Administration Official, **Dr. Nneka D. Dennie**, Assistant Professor of History at Washington and Lee University, **Professor Andrew Delbanco**, Author of [The War Before the War: Fugitive Slaves and the Struggle for America's Soul from the Revolution to the Civil War](#) and Alexander Hamilton Professor of American Studies at Columbia University, **Manisha Sinha**, Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs. With a special performance by [Milteri Tucker Concepcion](#), Founder and CEO of [Bombazo Dance Co!](#)

- **[AMERICA'S HISTORY OF SLAVERY BEGAN LONG BEFORE JAMESTOWN - History.com](#)**

This article from history.com explains how slavery actually began 400 years ago, long before the colonizers arrived in Jamestown. It

gives a brief historical context of the Kimbundu-speaking people that were the first African slaves in America. It also notes the importance of Africans that lived in America, long before the colonizers came, and how the colonizer slave trade is relevant, but slavery was actually a global practice, not just in the new world.

- **[\(1776\) THE DELETED PASSAGE OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE - Black Past](#)**

This primary source from The Black Past, is an excerpt that was found to be deleted or taken out of the official Declaration of Independence. The passage was written by Thomas Jefferson, and was an aggressive statement against slavery, but was taken out and replaced with a more ambiguous passage.

- **[HOW THE FUGITIVE SLAVE ACT PAVED THE WAY FOR THE CIVIL WAR - NPR](#)**

Podcast episode by Terry Gross from NPR, about Andrew Delbanco's book, The War Before the War. Delbanco is hosted by Dave Davies and discusses various topics related to slavery and the revolutionary war.

- **[THE WAR BEFORE THE WAR: FUGITIVE SLAVES AND THE STRUGGLE FOR AMERICA'S SOUL FROM THE REVOLUTION TO THE CIVIL WAR - Andrew Delbanco](#)**

This book written by one of our YKC speakers today, tells the truth about Slavery in America, and how it divided the country. Delbanco touches on politics, law, literature, etc. The real horrors of slavery and American sin are exposed in this novel.

- **[BOMBA PUERTORRIQUEÑA! - Milteri Tucker Concepcion & Mia Roman](#)**

A children's book written by today's performer: Milteri Tucker, that is all about Puerto Rico's ancestral songs, drums, and dances. The book is bilingual, and written for the future generations of proud puerto ricans, in order to educate the youth.

- **[BLACK PATRIOTS AND LOYALISTS: FIGHTING FOR EMANCIPATION IN THE WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE - Alan Gilbert](#)**

This book by Alan Gilbert tells the stories that are often left out when Americans learn about the Revolutionary war. The stories of the Black patriots that fought in the war, for their own independence and emancipation.

- **[THE COUNTERREVOLUTION OF SLAVERY: POLITICS AND IDEOLOGY IN ANTEBELLUM SOUTH CAROLINA - Manisha Sinha](#)**

Manisha Sinha's book offers a comprehensive analysis and new perspective on the roots of southern separatism and the Causes of the Civil War. Challenging works that portray secession as a fight for white liberty, she argues instead that it was a conservative, antidemocratic movement to protect and perpetuate racial slavery.

- **[THE SLAVE'S CAUSE: A HISTORY OF ABOLITION - Manisha Sinha](#)**

This groundbreaking book by Manisha Sinha highlights the role of African Americans from the American Revolution through to the Civil War and recovers this narrative left out of history.

- **[HOW TO READ THE CONSTITUTION - AND WHY - Kim Wehle](#)**

This useful handbook by Kim Wehle lays out how the American Constitution works, what it means, and how its protections are eroding, and is a relevant read for those seeking to understand this important document and institutions of our democracy.

- **[THE COLOR OF LAW - Richard Rothstein](#)**

Richard Rothstein argues in his groundbreaking novel that American governments deliberately imposed racial segregation through laws and policy decisions passed by each level of government in cities nationwide.

- **[SLAVES AND ENGLISHMEN: HUMAN BONDAGE IN THE EARLY MODERN ATLANTIC WORLD - Michael Guasco](#)**

Michael Guasco demonstrates how slavery shaped how the English interacted with people and communities in the Atlantic world. He illustrates how significant slavery was in the early modern period prior to the rise of plantation slavery or the emergence of modern forms of racism, and how slavery was connected to what it meant to English at this time.

- **[THE COLOR OF COMPROMISE: THE TRUTH ABOUT THE AMERICAN CHURCH'S COMPLICITY IN RACISM - Jemar Tibsy](#)**

This novel tells the history of the Church's complicity in slavery, and other racist practices. Jemar Tibsy guides readers on a historical and religious journey through American history from colonial days through to the current day and the Black Lives Matter Movement. The novel calls on readers to take action and use this history as a lesson.

- **[CAPITALISM AND SLAVERY - Eric Williams](#)**

Published back in 1994 years before its time, Eric Williams' provocative book explains the relationship between economic development, specifically with the Industrial Revolution, and slavery.

- **[HOW EUROPE UNDERDEVELOPED AFRICA - Walter Rodney](#)**

Walter Rodney argues that Africa was intentionally exploited and underdeveloped by European colonial regimes through power politics and economic exploitation.

- **[RACE: THE POWER OF AN ALLUSION - PBS Program](#)**

This PBS program questions beliefs about race that we have been socialized to think, and questions the very idea of race as innate biology. This series navigates through our myths and misconceptions surrounding race and allows the viewer to engage with their own beliefs in order to build a more just and equitable society.

- **[GUNS, GERMS AND STEEL - Jared Diamond](#)**

This nonfiction book explores the geographic and environmental factors which allowed European civilizations to conquer others, rather than any form of European genetic superiority or inherent morality or intelligence.

- **[AP EXPLAINS: IMMIGRANTS IN US MILITARY THROUGHOUT HISTORY - AP News](#)**

This website provides examples of immigrants who have served in the US Military throughout different periods of American history, ranging from the American Revolution to WW2.

- **IMMIGRANTS IN THE MILITARY: A HISTORY OF SERVICE - Bipartisan Policy**

This article is about immigrants in the U.S. armed forces, and is focused on the controversy of immigrants receiving green cards by serving in the military.

- **RECOGNIZING THE VITAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOREIGN BORN VETERANS MAKE TO THE U.S. MILITARY - Immigration Impact**

This article provides the statistics of how many immigrant soldiers there are and have been fighting in the U.S. military, and all the accomplishments and sacrifices that they have made for our country.

- **THE ENLIST ACT SUPPORTS MILITARY READINESS - National Immigration Reform**

This webpage provides information about the ENLIST act, or the Encourage New Legalized Immigrants to Start Training act.

WHO ARE WE? CITIZENSHIP: We will explore the technicalities of citizenship and belonging in the United States and how those notions play out today. Moreover, we will explore times in our history, and now, when the legalities of citizenship were overshadowed with racism. Who gets to be a citizen in the U.S., what does citizenship mean if you are not white and Christian, and what has happened in U.S. history when citizenship has been stomped by racism? With our Kitchen Cabinet Members: **Eric Foner**, Professor Emeritus of History, Columbia University
Karen Ishizuka, Ph.D., Writer, and Chief Curator, Japanese American National Museum, **Kathy Masaoka**, Co Chair, Nikkei for Civil Rights & Redress.

- **THE SECOND FOUNDING: HOW THE CIVIL WAR AND RECONSTRUCTION REMADE THE CONSTITUTION- Eric Foner**

In his groundbreaking book, Eric Foner shares the timely history of Reconstruction Era Amendments which built equality into Constitution, and how American institutions such as the Supreme Court tried to undermine these efforts. Foner also exemplifies the relevance of this history in our present day.

- **WHO OWNS HISTORY? RETHINKING THE PAST IN A CHANGING WORLD- Eric Foner**

Eric Fonder's provocative book answers questions on Americans' divisive stance on history, tackling questions such as 'Whose history is being written?' and 'who owns history?' to shed light on our past and rethink our future.

- **SERVE THE PEOPLE: MAKING ASIAN AMERICA IN THE LONG SIXTIES- Karen Ishizuka**

Karen Ishizuka's narrative explores the movement that turned isolated communities of mostly Chinese, Japanese, and Fillipinos into Asian Americans and how this double consciousness came to be. She uses intimate stories and interviews to unpack the social and cultural movement that brought these communities together and shows the history of the making of Asian American.

- **[WHY THE UNITED STATES HAS BIRTHRIGHT CITIZENSHIP- History.com](#)**
This article from History.com documents the changing perception of citizenship in the US, from the 18th century to the 20th century. It also explains the precedent set by Wong Kim Ark in defending the birthright citizenship rights of Americans.
- **[THE MAKING OF ARAB AMERICANS: FROM SYRIAN NATIONALISM TO US. CITIZENSHIP- Hani J. Bawardi](#)**
Bawardi explores the untapped, often ignored history of Arab Americans in this country. His groundbreaking study traces the roots and history of what led to mass Arab migration to the U.S., and what movements brought this community together to form a unified identity of Arab- American.
- **[THE FRAGILITY OF AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP- The Atlantic](#)**
This article from The Atlantic explores how the 14th amendment is being threatened through various initiatives taken by the Trump administration as they aim to undermine the citizenship guarantee of those born or naturalised as citizens to the US.
- **[BLACK RECONSTRUCTION IN AMERICA 1860-1880- W.E.B. Du Bois](#)**
W.E.B. Du Bois' pioneering work studies the role of Black Americans during Reconstruction and directly contradicts standard views of the time that downplay the contributions of African Americans. Du Bois challenges this notion and offers a historical study into the role and agency of African Americans during the Civil War and Reconstruction.
- **[JUSTICE DEPT. ESTABLISHES OFFICE TO DENATURALIZE IMMIGRANTS- NY Times](#)**
This article explains one way the Trump administration has initiated a crackdown on naturalized immigrants through creating an official office in the Justice Department to strip citizenship from naturalized citizens and how this connects to broader issues around the deportation and dehumanization of naturalized citizens in this country.
- **[HISTORIAN ERIC FONER ON THE “UNRESOLVED LEGACY OF RECONSTRUCTION”- NPR](#)**
In this interview, Eric Foner answers questions about the unresolved legacy of the Reconstruction era and the misconceptions that are taught in American history textbooks and the standard academic view of this period.
- **[Densho.org](#)**
Densho is an interactive website with references and other tools, aimed at informing and preserving the history of the WWII incarceration of Japanese Americans and promoting justice and equality today. They have testimonies, historical images, and resources for teachers to share this history.
- **[NCRR: THE GRASSROOTS STURGGLE FOR JAPANESE AMERICAN REDRESS AND REPARATIONS- NCRR](#)**
This book follows the organization and campaign for redress and how these communities came together to create solidarity and gain justice for the 1942 mass incarceration of Japanese Americans.

- **[THE IMMIGRANT ARMY: IMMIGRANT SERVICE MEMBERS IN WORLD WAR I- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services](#)**
This webpage shares the often forgotten history of immigrants who served in WW1 and what this meant for them in terms of naturalization and citizenship.
- **[RASHIDA TLAIB QUESTIONS WHY 2020 CENSUS ERASES MIDDLE EASTERN & NORTH AFRICAN IDENTITY- NowThis](#)**
In this video published by NowThis, Rep. Rashida Tlaib challenges the erasure of Middle Eastern and North African identity on the U.S. census as “white” and how this hurts the MENA community in the United States in terms of representation for health research, language assistance, civil rights laws, and much more.
- **[HOW THE MODEL MINORITY MYTH OF ASIAN-AMERICANS HURTS US ALL- Viet Thanh Nguyen](#)**
In this essay published by Time Magazine and written by Viet Thanh Nguyen, she analyzes the connections between immigration and citizenship within the larger issue of American violence and how this fits into domestic issues but also those abroad.

WHAT DO WE CARE ABOUT? RULE OF LAW: On May 25, 2020 George Floyd was killed by the Minneapolis Police. His death ignited an international outcry that Black Lives Matter and illuminated other cases of police brutality and lack of accountability. What does the rule of law, and conversely, justice for all truly mean? This session explores different ways of thinking, speaking, and working towards a safer community and justice for all with **Vanessa Cooksey**, Director of Strategic Communications & Student Engagement at Washington University, **State Representative Leslie Herod**, Colorado General Assembly, **Natalie Parks**, Ph.D., BCBA-D, CEO & Founder Psychologist for Behavior Leader, Inc, and **Jehmu Greene**, Founder at Barbara's Legacy, FOX News Political Analyst.

- **[POLICE REFORM & 2020- Run For Something](#)**
Run For Something collaborated with Collective PAC and Brilliant Corners Research & Strategies to publish this report on voters' attitudes of policing, systemic racism, and the 2020 elections in 10 battleground states such as Florida, Ohio and Pennsylvania to see how voters on both sides feel about these key issues.
- **[WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO DEFUND OR ABOLISH THE POLICE?- The Daily Show With Trevor Noah](#)**
In this informative clip from The Daily Show, Trevor Noah speaks with Patrisse Cullors, Josie Duffy Rice, Sam Sinyangwe, Mychal Denzel Smith and Alex S. Vitale about The Black Lives Matter movement and calls to defund the police and what the future can look like.
- **[#8TOABOLITION.COM](#)**
This website serves as a resource for people and communities to incorporate abolitionist demands in all levels and areas of policies. It outlines many resources and explanations to their 8 demands or points, which will result in all communities able to thrive and be well.
- **[ARE PRISONS OBSOLETE? FULL AUDIOBOOK- Angela Davis](#)**

Angela Davis brilliantly illustrates the need for prison abolition and argues how the end of prisons will transform society as a whole. She outlines the human rights abuses occurring because of the prison system and what the impacts are for larger American society.

- **[CARING FOR DENVER ISSUES FIRST GRANTS WORTH ABOUT \\$2 MILLION- 5280.com](#)**

This article explains more about the Caring for Denver ballot initiative that State Representative Leslie Herod mentioned during August 5th's YKC episode. It details where the money is going, how it is helping the community, and why Rep. Leslie Herod believes it should act as a model for other cities.

- **[DENVER'S STAR PROGRAM REMOVES POLICE FROM LOW-LEVEL 911 CALLS- Denverite](#)**

This article highlights the impact of the Caring for Denver grant, as it was used to fund the STAR program (Support Team Assisted Response). This program aims to send more appropriate responses to 911 calls that are mental health or substance abuse related, or those that need to be connected to related services and removes the police from situations that they could make more dangerous.

- **[HERE'S HOW POLICING MAY CHANGE UNDER COLORADO'S POLICE REFORM BILL- CPR News](#)**

This article outlines the bill mentioned by Rep. Leslie Herod, SB 20- 217, the bill to Enhance Law Enforcement Integrity. It expands on what the bill would change around policing, and how it fits into the current moment around the Black Lives Matter movement.

WHAT DO WE CARE ABOUT? COMMERCE: We deserve a democracy that looks like us. We will highlight the leadership development programs of many nonprofits who are building a pipeline of people to run for public office, including people from the Women, Native Americans, Latino, Asian American, New American and LGBTQ communities. Who are some of the people in the pipeline and what are the challenges and opportunities they are facing with Experts **[Karlos K. Hill](#)**, Chair and Associate Professor, Clara Luper Department of African and African American Studies, **[Nonkululeko Shongwe](#)**, Community Wealth Building Coordinator, Nexus Community Partners, **[Urvashi Banerjea](#)**, Co-Chair, Women Advancing Microfinance NY, **[Briana Sidney](#)**, Worker / Owner, **[Mandela Grocery](#)**

- **BEYOND THE ROPE: THE IMPACT OF LYNCHING ON BLACK CULTURE AND MEMORY** - Karlos K. Hill
- **THE MURDER OF EMMETT TILL** - Karlos K. Hill
- **KILLERS OF THE FLOWER MOON: THE OSAGE MURDERS AND THE BIRTH OF THE FBI** - David Grann
- **BLOODLAND: A FAMILY STORY OF OIL, GREED AND MURDER ON THE OSAGE RESERVATION** - Dennis McAuliffe
- **BLACK WALL STREET** - Hannibal B. Johnson
- **BASED ON TRUE EVENTS: WATSONVILLE RIOTS** - Abraham Gabriel Pagtama
- **ROSEWOOD (1997)** - Film

- **BLOOD IN THEIR EYES** - Grif Stockley
- **TULSA FINALLY DECIDES TO ADDRESS 1921 RACE MASSACRE WITH SEARCH FOR MASS GRAVE** - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- **GREENWOOD, 1921: ONE OF THE WORST RACE MASSACRES IN AMERICAN HISTORY** - [CBS NEWS](#)
- **THE MASSACRE OF BLACK SHARECROPPERS THAT LED THE SUPREME COURT TO CURB THE RACIAL DISPARITIES OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEM** - [Smithsonian Magazine](#)
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- **STUDY: BLACK FAMILIES HAVE 1 CENT FOR EVERY DOLLAR WHITE FAMILIES HAVE** - [wttw](#)
- **COVERING COMMUNITY** - [Carolina Textile District](#)
- **THRIVING HERE** - [The Industrial Commons](#)