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Wednesday, July 22 @ 1p.m. EST

HOW DID WE BEGIN?
THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR & PATRIOTISM

EPISODE TWO
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Week #1 -- Where did we come from?

Week #2 -- How did we begin?

Week #3 -- Who belongs?

Week #4 -- What do we care about: Rule of Law

Week #5 -- What do we care about: Commerce

Week #6 -- What kind of democracy do we deserve?
“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.” -- Thomas Jefferson
This week’s Your Kitchen Cabinet episode seeks to examine critical ideas to gain deeper learning about the democracy we all deserve. Some of the content that will be discussed, may be perceived as harmful, offensive or traumatizing. This is a forewarning about the potential disturbing nature of the content, and we ask all to help create an atmosphere of mutual respect and sensitivity.

Please feel free to go off camera and/or prioritize your well-being.
At the time of the Revolutionary War, half of the 2.5 million people living in the colonies were enslaved.
How can we reconcile the ideals in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution with the realities of slavery?
AGENDA

1. Welcome & Framing the Conversation
2. Slavery in the Time of the Revolutionary War
3. Slavery in the Constitution
4. Enslaved Black Women and Early American Democracy
5. American Patriotism: Immigrants and Military Service
★ HOW WE ROLL ★

1. Stay Muted
2. Chat Box -- Be Active
3. Participants -- Ask Questions in Chat Box
4. Be Respectful -- Don’t Yuck My Yum
5. Try to Stay on Time
Vote Run Lead is creating and sharing two crowd-sourced tools:

1) **Vocabulary**-- words matter but which words to use can be confusing. What are some terms to consider and what are some tips for when and where to use them and why.

2) **Resources**-- (podcasts, articles, reports) what are other things you think fellow Vote Run Lead alums should know!

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SLAVERY AND ABOLITION IN THE REVOLUTION

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1775
REVOLUTIONARY ANTI SLAVERY
THE HAITIAN REVOLUTION 1791-1804
BLACK ABOLITIONISTS IN A SLAVEHOLDING REPUBLIC: REJECTING COLONIZATION
Slavery in the Constitution

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Black Women and the Making of Early American Democracy

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How did Black women give meaning to American democracy in the wake of the American Revolution?
Mum Bett
(c. 1744-1829)

- First African American woman to win a freedom lawsuit
- *Brom and Bett v. Ashley* (1781)
- Set legal precedent to abolish slavery in Massachusetts
- “…all men are born free and equal...every subject is entitled to liberty, and to have it guarded by the laws, as well as life and property—and in short is totally repugnant to the idea of being born slaves. This being the case, I think the idea of slavery is inconsistent with our own conduct and Constitution; and there can be no such thing as perpetual servitude of a rational creature…”

  - Chief Justice William Cushing, Commonwealth of Massachusetts v. Nathaniel Jennison (1783)
Maria Stewart (1803-1879)

- First Black woman public speaker and writer
- First woman to lecture to an interracial, co-ed audience
- “Do you ask the disposition I would have you possess? Possess the spirit of independence. The Americans do, and why should not you? Possess the spirit of men, bold and enterprising, fearless and undaunted. Sue for your rights and privileges. Know the reason that you cannot attain them. Weary them with your importunities. You can but die, if you make the attempt; and we shall certainly die if you do not.”

- Maria W. Stewart, ‘Religion and the Pure Principles of Morality, the Sure Foundation on which We Must Rest” (1831)
How Black Women Gave Meaning to American Democracy

- Identified its limitations
- Sought avenues to participate in American democracy
- Demanded that it live up to its radical potential
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Your Kitchen Cabinet
A Six-Part Series
ENLIST Act & Immigrants in the Military

Felicia Escobar Carrillo
July 22, 2020
History of Immigrants in the Military

- Long-history of U.S. military since Revolutionary War
- Foreign-born represented half of all military recruits by the 1840s
- 20% of Union Army during the Civil War
- More than 760,000 immigrant service members over the last century

Photo Credit: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service
Today's Immigrants in the Military

- 2.4 million veterans of immigrant origin accounting for 13 percent of all veterans
  - 500,000+ foreign-born veterans in the U.S., including 40,000 actively serving
  - Almost 1.9 million veterans are the U.S.-born children of immigrants
- 7,000 legal permanent residents enlist annually
- More than 100,000 immigrants have served and earned citizenship through the military in the last 20 years
History of Injustices

Despite their record of service, immigrants, their children, and other family members subject to injustices:

- Subject to Jim Crow segregation (American GI Forum/Felix Longoria)
- Denied access to benefits, including naturalization (Filipino WW II veterans)
- Internment camps while serving (Japanese WW II)
- Today, non-citizen veterans subject to deportation – even U.S. citizens in military have seen their foreign-born relatives deported
Who Can Enlist in U.S. Armed Services?

- Foreign-born individuals who are:
  - Naturalized citizens
  - Lawful permanent residents
  - Nationals of countries in free association (Marshall Islands, Federated State of Micronesia, and Palau)

- During “peacetime,” non-citizen service members are eligible to naturalize after one-year of military service

- During “wartime,” President can authorize:
  - Expedited military naturalization process (e.g. 2002 Executive Order)
  - Enlistment of additional categories (e.g. MAVNI program)
What is the ENLIST Act?

- Bipartisan legislation first introduced in 2017
- Grants lawful permanent resident status to undocumented immigrants who were brought to America as children and enlist in the U.S. Armed Forces

Requirements:
- ✔ U.S. continuously present in the U.S. since Dec. 31, 2021
- ✔ Entered at age 15 or younger
- ✔ Meet eligibility requirements and selected to enlist in the U.S. Armed Forces
- ✔ Can loses LPR status if dismissed from military before completing term of enlistment
Honoring All Contributions: Immigration Reform & DREAM Act

✔ Immigration reform with robust legalization program for all 11 million undocumented immigrants that includes a pathway to citizenship

✔ DREAM Act with an expedited pathway to citizenship for young people who came to the U.S. that provides and equally values various avenues to qualify (e.g. military service, higher education, work)

✔ Halting deportations of veterans, active-duty servicemembers and their families
Learn More

- Immigrant Veterans in the United States in 2018, Migration Policy Institute
- 5 Things to Know About Immigrants in the Military, FWD.us
- The Dream and Promise Act Could Put 2.1 Million Dreamers on Pathway to Citizenship, Center for American Progress
- Immigrants in US military throughout history, Associated Press
- Immigrants in the Military: A History of Service, Bipartisan Policy Center
- Recognizing the Vital Contributions Foreign Born Veterans Make to the U.S. Military, Immigration Impact
- The Enlist Act Supports Military Readiness, National Immigration Forum
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