

THE AMERICAN DARK AGES

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Abstract

This article historically will review some cases for lynch culture which is again blacks in America. And will examine the term 'Afro-American'. Cases like 'Michael Brown', 'Eric Garner' and 'Antonio Martin' are proof of violence is still going on again black society.

Lynching is a part of America's dark sides. Behind lynching, it lays a brutal history of domestic violence. For years, maybe for centuries, American people have lynched Black people because of various accusations. These lynching were, in general, racially motivated. Anti-Black violence roughly began in 1880s. Between 1880s and 1950s, there were lynching and anti-lynching riots. Rayford W. Logan, who was an African American historian and Pan-African activist, called this era as American Dark Ages. (Yale.edu) By changing its form, lynching is still going on.

It is the act of killing people for any alleged crime, without trial, jury, judge, appeal. It began after Civil War. During Reconstruction, freedmen tried to use their newly-given rights. Abraham Lincoln abolished the slavery with the Thirteenth Amendment in 1865. The Fourteenth Amendment gave citizenship to Blacks in 1868. The Fifteenth Amendment prohibited discrimination in voting rights in 1870. However, white people applied several ways to deter black men from voting and living freely. Disenfranchisement, Jim Crow Laws and Lynching came out and lasted for years. It is true. Lynching based on racial segregation and prejudice continues in a different form. Unfortunately, it has a long history. Jesse Washington, Emmett Till, Laura and L.D Nelson, Michael Brown, Eric Garner were killed as a result of almost same perspective, same prejudice and brutality. First of all, it is crucial to know black history.

As a result, the lynching problem does not depend on the state. In every state, people have lynched, hanged, killed or shot. American society has been prone to brutality toward black people as it is understood from the examples. If precautions are not taken or the widespread view is not changed, these cases are going to destroy the 'freedom and democracy'.

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