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Justice For All

Over the past few months, years, and decades, racial justice has come into vision for many Americans, young and old. Racial justice's fight has been going on for a longer time than it should. Everywhere across America, people of all ages, races, and genders have marched together to fight for justice. Their goal is to make sure the people with different skin colors are treated equally.

Since the killing of George Floyd, the Black Lives Matter movement really went viral. People everywhere have heard of it and had different opinions about its narrative. This movement helps spread awareness about racial injustice in the Black community. Our nation started of as a country where slavery was the norm. African people were brought on ships, against their will, to a newly born United States. They were sold to plantations and white families across the states. Enslaved Blacks experienced harsh living conditions, which made survival very hard.

Years later the Emancipation Proclamation was written in 1863 after the third year of the Civil War. This document was written by Abraham Lincoln and stated that, "all persons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free;". This line changed America, but maybe not in the way we hoped. After this was written and declared that slavery was illegal, it didn't stop people from mistreating black people.

The Jim Crow period began in 1870 and lasted almost a century. Black people were segregated from white people in schools, restaurants, buses, water fountains, movie theatres, neighborhoods, and any other thing you can think of. The Ku Klux Klan, a white supremacist group, was present during these times. They would show up in places where there were black people and would do terrible things. But there were also heroes, like Rosa Parks and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who spoke up about racial injustice. Even with the courageous acts of people like Dr. King, racial injustice didn't just end there.

Black people still fight for their equality today. They face racism in all aspects of life such as going to the store, finding a job, within the criminal justice system, and education. These injustices need to change now. In the past year, events have brought issues like these to light, and many people have spoken up about them. There have been many movements and protests to spread awareness about racism. Our voices need to be heard, and we must act together to end racism in America once and for all.