



Black Law (History) Matters

As we recognize the struggle and celebrate the progress of Black people in America this month, it is important to trace the evolution of landmark cases and decisions that have forged a not-so-linear path toward equality.

Up until the turn of the 20th century, the Supreme Court seemed complicit in the oppression of Black people in America. In 1883, the Supreme Court struck down - - as unconstitutional - - the first Civil Rights Act of 1875. It would be another 82 years (post-reconstruction) before Congress would pass the modern Civil Rights Act of 1957. In 1896, a marginalized Black America took another blow from the Supremes when it held in *Plessy v Ferguson* that "segregation" is legal so long as it is "equal." The decision did not draw protests or public outcry. However, it sowed the seeds of division for many years to follow.

This month is a time for thoughtful reflection on the egregious challenges black people have faced in their quest for racial equality. While, at times, it may feel as though we have made strides in the battle against systematic racism, these cases demonstrate that the law has failed, at times, to keep pace with social change.

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