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# Chapter Five

## Civil Rights

# Learning Outcomes

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- 5.1 Define civil rights and locate in the U.S. Constitution the obligation on government to guarantee all citizens equal protection of the law.
- 5.2 Explain why discrimination against individuals and groups exists in the United States today.
- 5.3 Assess the limits of state and federal law in guaranteeing equality to all people.
- 5.4 Explain why the U.S. Supreme Court plays such an important role relative to civil rights and identify at least two significant Supreme Court decisions that advanced civil rights in the United States.
- 5.5 Identify and explain three significant events related to each of the campaigns for civil rights undertaken by African Americans, women, the Latino community, persons with disabilities, and the LGBTQ community.
- 5.6 Define the goal of affirmative action and explain why this approach is controversial in the United States.

# African Americans and the Consequences of Slavery in the United States

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- Ending Servitude
- The Civil Rights Acts of 1865 to 1875
  - Black Codes
  - Anti-Ku Klux Klan Act



Ku Klux Klan members, late 1860s-70s (engraving) (b/w photo), American School, (19th century)/Private Collection/The StapletonCollection/The Bridgeman Art Library

# African Americans and the Consequences of Slavery in the United States

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- The Limitations of the Civil Rights Laws
  - The Civil Rights Cases
  - *Plessy v. Ferguson*: Separate-but-Equal
  - Voting Barriers
    - White primary
    - Grandfather clause
    - Poll taxes
    - Literacy tests
  - Extralegal Methods of Enforcing White Supremacy

# African Americans and the Consequences of Slavery in the United States

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These segregated drinking fountains were common in southern states in the late 1800s and during the first half of the 20th century. *What landmark Supreme Court case made such segregated facilities legal?*

# African Americans and the Consequences of Slavery in the United States

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- The End of the Separate-but-Equal Doctrine
  - *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*
  - “With All Deliberate Speed”
- Reactions to School Integration



# African Americans and the Consequences of Slavery in the United States

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These three lawyers successfully argued in favor of desegregation of the schools in the famous *Brown v. Board of Education* of Topeka case.

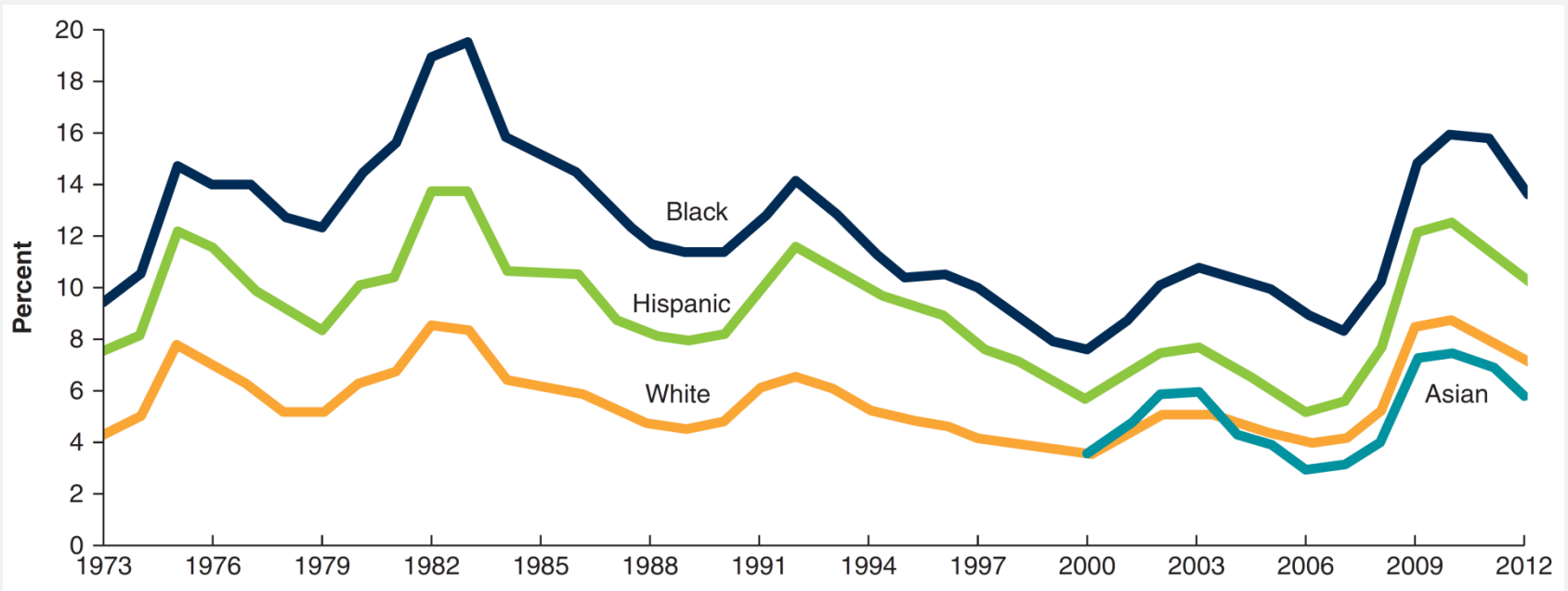
# African Americans and the Consequences of Slavery in the United States

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- An Integrationist Attempt at a Cure: Busing
  - Court-Ordered Busing
    - *De facto* segregation
    - *De jure* segregation
  - The End of Integration?
  - The Resurgence of Minority Schools



# Unemployment Rates by Race and Hispanic or Latino Ethnicity, 1973-2012 Annual Averages

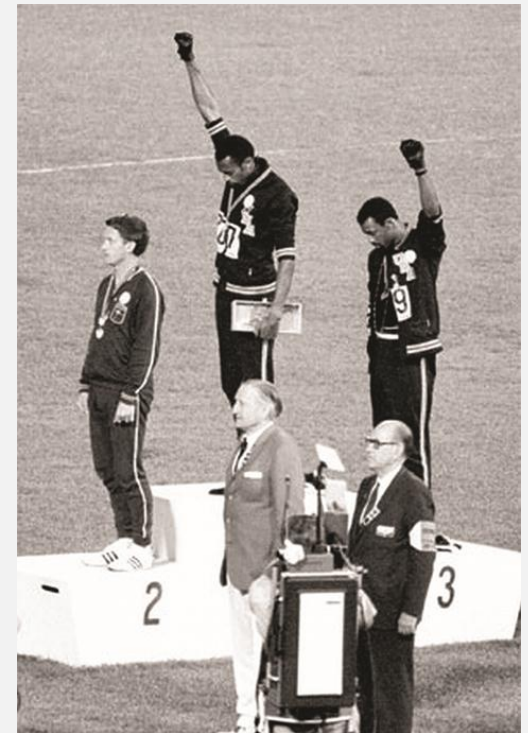


Notes: People whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race. Data for Asians only available since 2000.

# The Civil Rights Movement

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- King's Philosophy of Nonviolence
  - Nonviolent Demonstrations
    - Civil disobedience
  - Marches and Demonstrations
- Another Approach—Black Power



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# The Escalation of the Civil Rights Movement

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- Modern Civil Rights Legislation
  - The Civil Rights Act of 1964
  - The Voting Rights Act of 1965
  - Urban Riots
  - The Civil Rights Act of 1968 and Other Housing Reform Legislation

# The Escalation of the Civil Rights Movement

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President Lyndon B. Johnson is shown signing the Civil Rights Act of 1968.  
*What are some of the provisions of that far-reaching law?*

# The Escalation of the Civil Rights Movement

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- Consequences of Civil Rights Legislation
  - Political Representation by African Americans
  - The U.S. Census and Civil Rights
  - Lingering Social and Economic Disparities
  - Race-Conscious or Post-Racial Society?
    - Trayvon Martin

# Women's Campaign for Equal Rights

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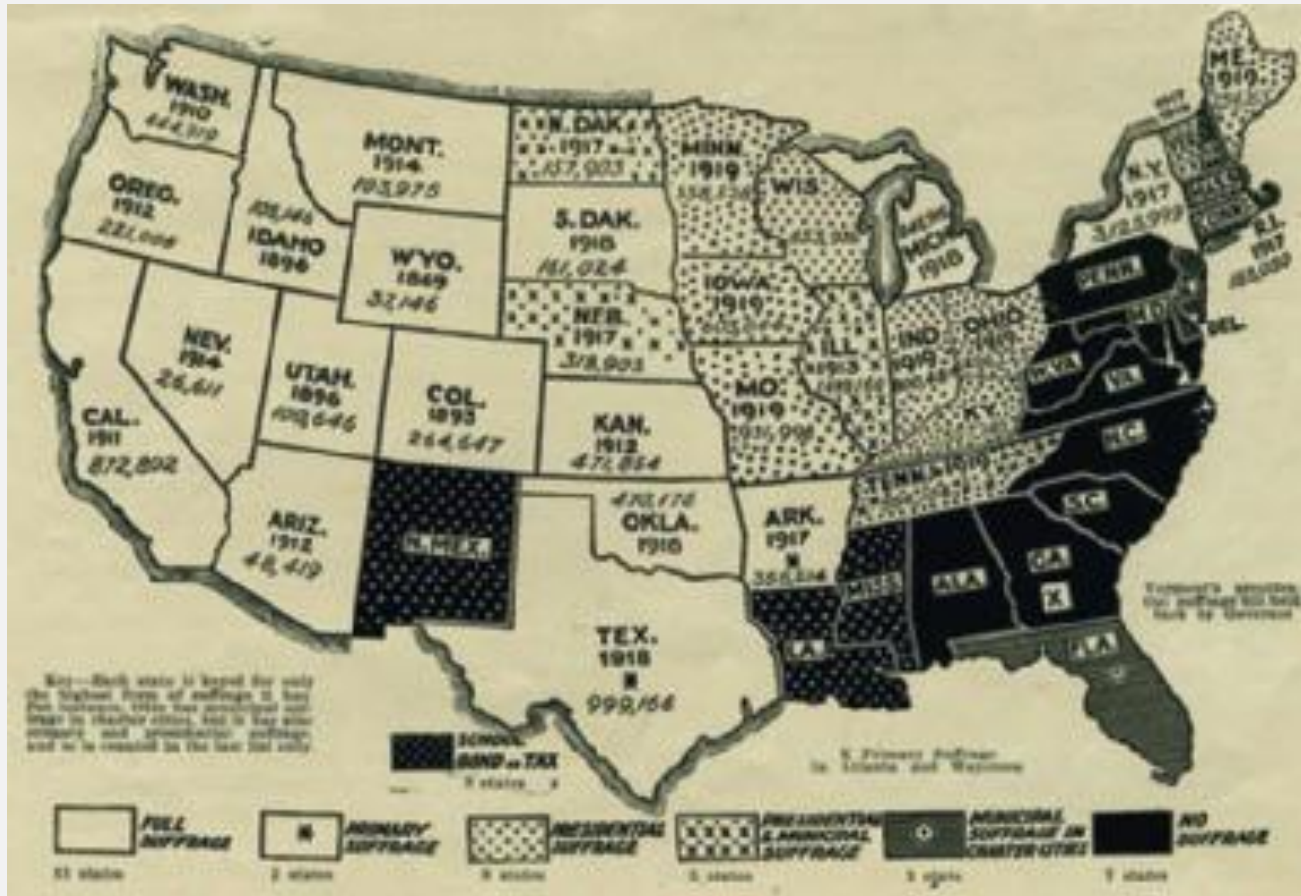
- Early Women's Political Movements
  - Abolish slavery
  - Suffrage
- Women's Suffrage Associations
  - Nineteenth Amendment (1920)



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# The Suffrage Map, Early August, 1920





# Women's Campaign for Equal Rights

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- The Second Wave Women's Movement
  - The Equal Rights Amendment
    - Feminism
  - Three-State Strategy
  - Challenging Gender Discrimination in the Courts and Legislatures
- Women in Politics Today

# Women in Politics Today

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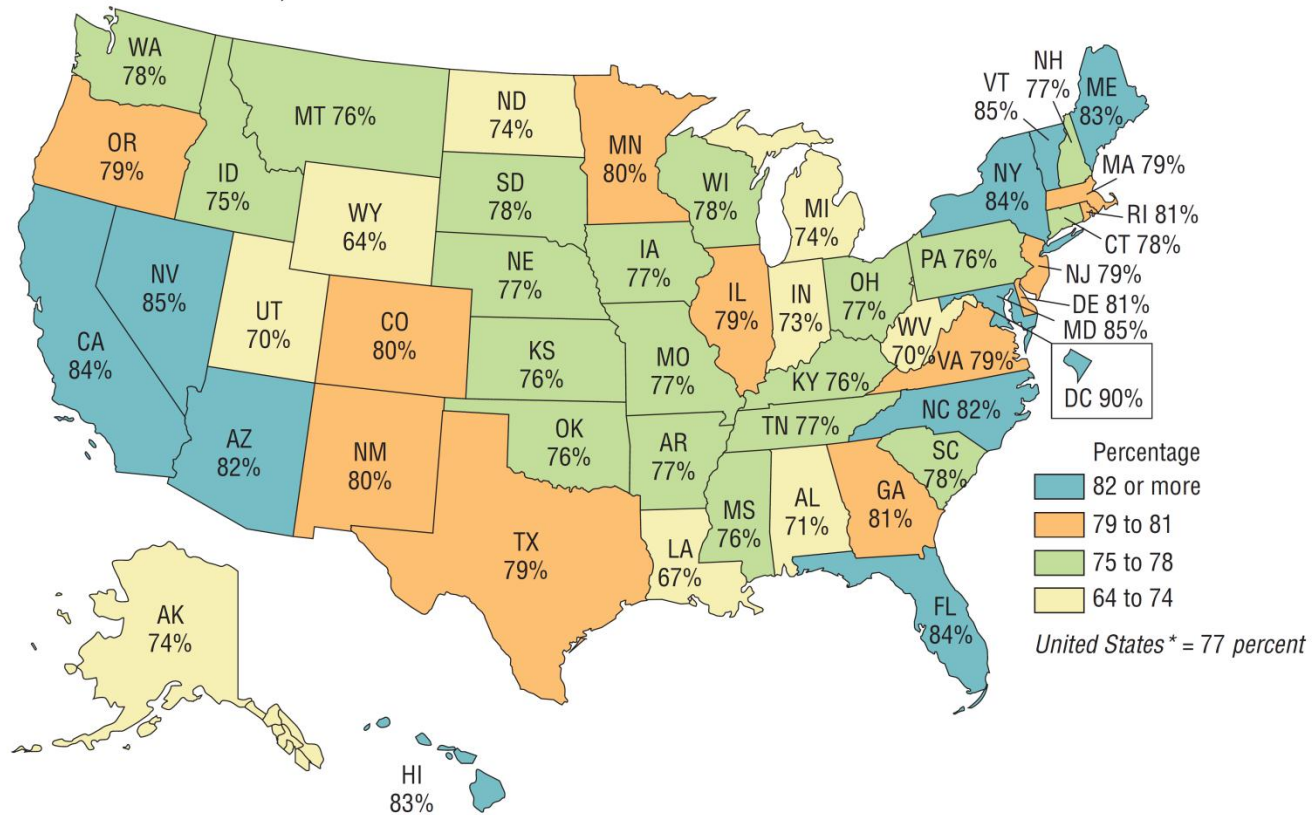
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# Gender-Based Discrimination in the Workplace

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- Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
- Sexual Harassment
- Wage Discrimination
  - The Equal Pay Act of 1963
- Voting Rights and the Young
  - Twenty-sixth Amendment (1971)

# Women's Earnings as a Percentage of Men's Earnings in the Past 12 Months by State and Puerto Rico: 2013



DC is represented 4.5 times the scale of other continental states.

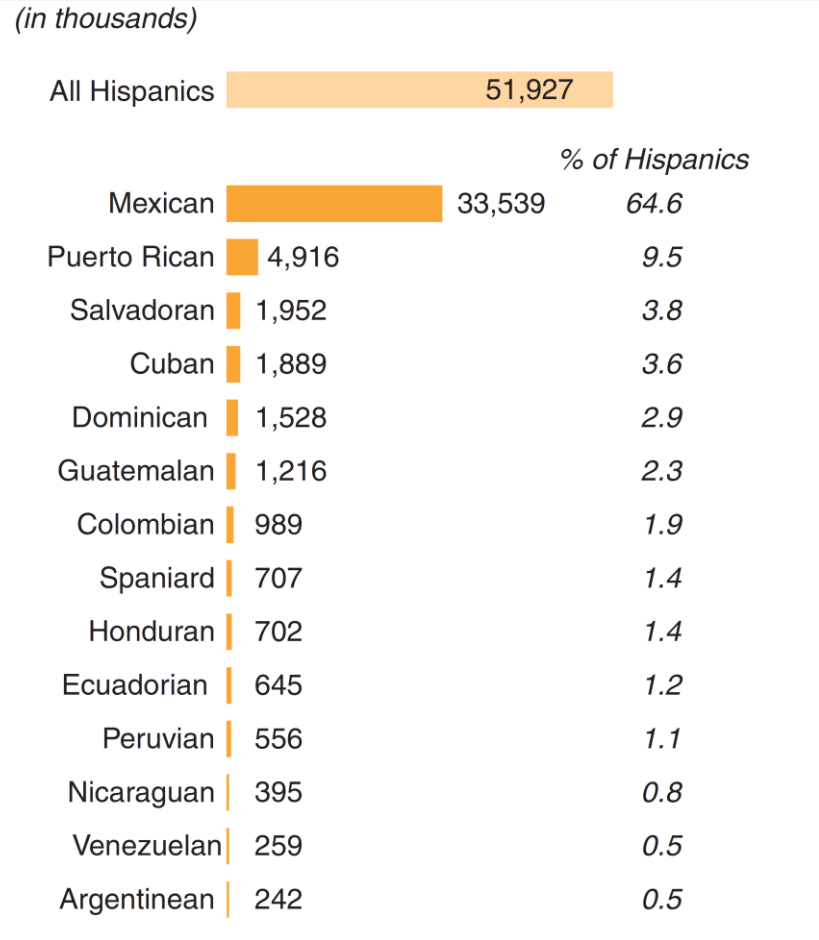
\*National data include workers ages 15 and older and are based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey.

# Immigration, Latinos, and Civil Rights

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- Mexican American Civil Rights
- The Continued Influx of Immigrants
- Illegal Immigration
  - Citizenship
  - Accommodating Diversity with Bilingual Education

# Latinos by Country of Origin, 2010



# Affirmative Action

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- The *Bakke* Case
  - Reverse discrimination
- Further Limits on Affirmative Action
- State Ballot Initiatives



# Making Amends for Past Discrimination through Reparations

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- Japanese Americans
- African Americans
- Native Americans
- Special Protection for Older Americans

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Asians in America have experienced a long history of discrimination. In 1922, for example, the Supreme Court rules that Asians were not white and therefore were not entitled to full citizenship rights (*Ozawa v. U.S.*, 1922).

# Securing Rights for Persons with Disabilities

- The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
- Limiting the Scope and Applicability of the ADA



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The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires that all public buildings and public services be available to persons with disabilities.

# The Rights and Status of Gays and Lesbians

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- Growth in the Gay and Lesbian Rights Movement
- State and Local Laws Targeting Gays and Lesbians
- Gays and Lesbians in the Military
- Same-Sex Marriages
  - Defense of Marriage Act
  - State Recognition of Gay Marriages

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# Supreme Court Decision on Same-Sex Marriage

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# Video Discussion Questions

1. Why is the issue of marital benefits a civil rights issue?
2. What does “equal protection” mean? Did this ruling change the national status of same-sex marriage?
3. What barriers do same-sex couples still face?