
ICYMI: Juneteenth Rememberance (video)

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"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."

Every American is familiar with this excerpt from the Declaration of Independence. Thomas Jefferson's words are repeated often to proclaim America's ideals of freedom and equality. **Yet even as those words were first etched in ink onto parchment, they were not true for more than half a million Americans.**

When speaking on slavery, many of our Founding Fathers communicated an understanding of liberty. Jefferson called it a "hideous blot" on America,

George Washington called it "repugnant," and James Madison argued that it was incompatible with revolutionary principles. Yet each of these men continued to own slaves and failed to fight for what they clearly knew to be right.

It took 78 more years – the Civil War, the Emancipation Proclamation, and the 13th Amendment – to finally end slavery.

On June 19, 1865, the final order of liberation for slaves was read in Galveston, Texas, a full two and a half years after Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. This day, 89 years after we declared that "all men are created equal", by law it was finally true, and **is now remembered as Juneteenth.**



Click the video link to see our special Juneteenth episode of LPTV that aired last night. (Click below if you would like to donate to help us continue and improve LPTV!)

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Just like our forefathers knew what was right, yet failed to fight for that in their lifetime, too many of us still stay safe in the comfort of the status quo. Nickolas Wildstar put it perfectly while reflecting upon the importance of Juneteenth in 2020: **"we're not free until all of us are free."** As Libertarians, we hold unchanging principles that keep us standing against tyranny, oppression, discrimination, and injustice of every kind.

"Our goal is nothing more nor less than a world set free in our lifetime, and it is to this end that we take these stands."

-Preamble to the Libertarian Party Platform

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