

1619 Project Inquiry #1 Image Collection

How and why have Black people defended democracy? (Teacher Version)

Set 1 - By running for elected office



An 1872 portrait of African-Americans serving in Congress (from left): Hiram Revels, the first black man elected to the Senate; Benjamin S. Turner; Robert C. De Large; Josiah T. Walls; Jefferson H. Long; Joseph H. Rainey; and R. Brown Elliot.

<https://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/98501907/>



Shirley Chisholm
PHOTO BY DON HOGAN
CHARLES/NEW YORK TIMES
CO./GETTY IMAGES (1972)

<https://www.gettyimages.com/detail/news-photo/representative-shirley-chisholm-of-brooklyn-announces-her-news-photo/3240579>



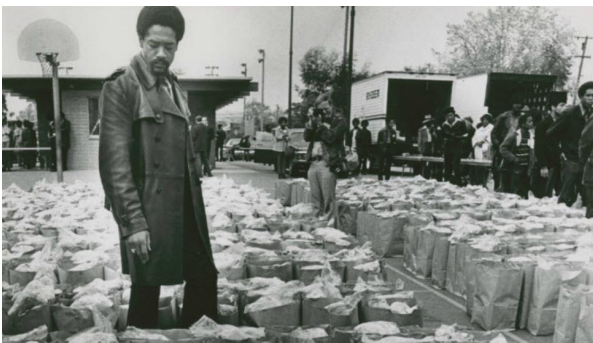
Raphael Warnock speaks to labor organizers and the media in Atlanta on Jan. 5, 2021. Elijah Nouvelage / Reuters
<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/nbcblk/st-raddling-senate-pulpit-warnock-highlights-religious-left-s-rise-u-n1253730>

Set 2 - Through mutual aid societies (religious, political, abolitionist)



This 1916 poster is for the Mother Bethel AME Church in Philadelphia, with founder Rev. Richard Allen in the center.

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Bobby Seale Checks Food Bags. March 31, 1972. Photo by Howard Erker.

<http://picturethis.museumca.org/pictures/bobby-seale-checks-food-bags>



Courtesy of Northwestern Now
Mariame Kaba is an activist and prison-industrial complex abolitionist. On Wednesday she addressed an audience of over 1,000, supporting student organizers and the campaign against University Police.

<https://dailynorthwestern.com/2021/01/13/campus/activist-mariame-kaba-talks-abolition-and-mutual-aid-condemns-campus-police-in-dream-week-keynote/>

Set 3 - Through direct protest



A silent march to protest the police treatment of Blacks during riots in New York City, 1917. They marched down Fifth Avenue on that summer Saturday without saying a word. Underwood Archives/Getty Images

<https://www.history.com/news/the-silent-protest-that-kick-started-the-civil-rights-movement>



A demonstrator at the 1965 march from Selma to Montgomery, led by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to fight for black suffrage.

Despite Timothy Mays being clubbed by a state trooper on "Bloody Sunday" on the Edmund Pettus Bridge, Mays refused to drop a large American flag he was carrying and marched the entire 54-mile trek from Selma to Montgomery carrying the flag.

<https://www.alasu.edu/foot-soldiers-reunit-e-share-stories-part-grand-opening-activities-asu-interpretive-center>

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<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2016/jul/11/baton-rouge-protester-photo-iesha-evans>

Set 4 - By organizing to support voting rights, teaching others about the importance of voting, registering people to vote



1956 - A black-and-white photograph of two unidentified women at the Citizenship Education Project office in San Francisco, CA. The woman on the right, a member of the NCNW Junior Council, demonstrates the use of a voting machine as the woman on the left looks on. The caption below the photograph reads, "A LESSON IN VOTING MACHINE OPERATION."

https://nmaahc.si.edu/object/nmaahc_2010.60.1.32



Stacey Abrams, 2020, ABC News

<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/eyes-stacey-abrams-joe-biden-passes-donald-trump/story?id=74039207>



"The National Colored Convention in Session at Washington, DC." Harper's Weekly (February 6, 1869).

<https://www.loc.gov/item/90715756>

Set 5- By using their fame/platform to raise awareness



In this Sept. 25, 2016, file photo, San Francisco 49ers' Colin Kaepernick kneels during the national anthem before an NFL football game against the Seattle Seahawks, Sunday, Sept. 25, 2016, in Seattle. When Colin Kaepernick took a knee during the national anthem to take a stand against police brutality, racial injustice and social inequality, he was vilified by people who considered it an offense against the country, the flag and the military. Nearly four years later, it seems more people are starting to side with Kaepernick's peaceful protest and now are calling out those who don't understand the intent behind his action. (AP Photo/Ted S. Warren, File)

<https://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/sports/sup-port-for-colin-kaepernick-grows-as-protests-spread/>



1968 - Tommie Smith and John Carlos - Summer Olympics

<https://www.history.com/news/1968-mexico-city-olympics-black-power-protest-backlash>

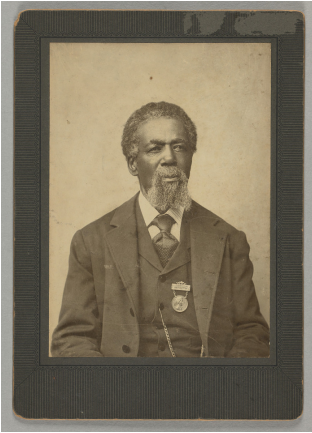


Natasha Cloud, WNBA player for Washington Mystics, wears orange to raise awareness about gun violence, 2020

<https://twitter.com/wnba/status/1268876169685929990>

<https://www.nbcsports.com/washington/washington-mystics/washington-mystics-we-ar-orange-warmups-honor-victims-gun-violence>

Set 6 - By voting



1884 - On March 31, 1870, one day after the ratification of the 15th Amendment, which allowed him the right to vote, Thomas Peterson became the first African American to cast a ballot in a U.S. election under the provisions of the 15th Amendment. The citizens of Perth Amboy, N.J. were voting to settle a disagreement over whether to revise the town charter or abandon it in favor of a township form of government.

https://nmaahc.si.edu/object/nmaahc_2015.190



Nannie Helen Burroughs holds a banner reading, "Banner State Woman's National Baptist Convention" as she stands with other African American women, photographed between 1905 and 1915. Burroughs was an educator and activist who advocated for greater civil rights for African Americans and women.

Library of Congress

<https://www.npr.org/2020/08/26/904730251/yes-women-could-vote-after-the-19th-amendment-but-not-all-women-or-men>



Voters wait to cast their ballots in Hartford, Connecticut on Election Day 2012. (Reuters)

<https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2013/04/heres-why-black-people-have-to-wait-twice-as-long-to-vote-as-whites/274791/>

Set 7 - Through their death/military service



Crispus Attucks, 1770, Boston

<http://www.crispusattucksmuseum.org/how-did-crispus-attucks-die/>



Editorial cartoon, by Thomas Nast, commenting on denial of voting rights for Black Civil War veterans with the caption, 'Franchise, And Not This Man?', c. 1865.

Stock Montage/Getty Images

<https://www.loc.gov/item/2010644408/>



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<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/02/08/us/sergeant-woodard-batesburg-south-carolina.html>

Set 8 - Through art/music



Gordon Parks, *Self-Portrait*, 1941, gelatin silver print, 50.8 × 40.64 cm (20 × 16 in.), Private Collection. Courtesy of and copyright The Gordon Parks Foundation
<https://www.nga.gov/education/teachers/lessons-activities/uncovering-america/parks-photography.html>



Childish Gambino (still frame from "This is America")
<https://time.com/5267890/childish-gambino-this-is-america-meaning/>



Jacob Lawrence - The American Struggle
<https://www.antiquesandthearts.com/jacob-lawrence-the-american-struggle/>