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Welcome to February, CommonBondz community!



Consider this: Black History Month, why is it important?

Black history is American history, and so much more. Black history is like a thriller movie, perhaps a prequel, that begins in the middle of the plot, but eventually takes you back to the beginning, so that you understand what's happening now. Throughout the movie, the plot flashes back to the beginning so that you get a glimpse of what is currently happening. There is no way to understand the full plot unless you understand some of the events that already occurred so that you have a complete picture. And it's so important to understand the complete picture. Black History is African history, it's American history...its African American history. But why is that important? Why? On the surface, this may seem like a simple question with simple answers. But it's far from simple. This question was deep for me, with very profound answers. So much so, that I asked a few of my friends the question, and I'll share their responses.

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“It's important because the current American history taught in schools is like a puzzle with intentional missing pieces. Also, black history pre-dates America. We existed before our ancestors were enslaved. People think they took slaves from Africa, no they took teachers, parents, carpenters, builders, chefs, doctors, kings, queens, fisherman, & hunters.” - Moombi Pressley

“The purpose of studying Black History is to understand the history, lives, culture, and contributions of Black Americans to American society. It documents the accomplishments of those Black Americans who have made enormous and groundbreaking strides in science, medicine, inventions, etc., and have done so despite the struggles and discrimination Black Americans faced.” - Diana Potter Crawford

It's important because we (Black people) must remember, in order to move with purpose and intent. It's something that I told my children every day when they left out of the door for school or to go to a party, or to visit a friend. It's something that Mufasa told Simba in the Lion King. Remember! I said it this way, “remember who you are, and who you belong to.” Mufasa said, “remember who you are.” It's a matter of identity, it's a matter of ownership. It's a matter of pride. I wanted my children to understand that their lives are bigger than them. That the choices they make and the actions they take represent others, and that others took actions with them in mind, for purpose.

Black History is important because it's about truth. The whole truth, and to Moombi's point, it's about putting those missing puzzle pieces back; **Critical Race Theory.**

If we're (America) going to take pride in Black History, we must see it truthfully, fully, and we must recon with it, and own it.

As one high school educator pointed out: “You don't have to agree with my conclusions, but you gotta be able to back up your own.” And that is why CommonBondz thought it important to talk about **Critical Race Theory (CRT). It's putting those missing puzzle pieces back to the puzzle.**

“CRT is not what racist white America claims it is. It is not Black Lives Matter. It is not reparations. It is not defunding/defanging the police. And it is not taught to any children and was never designed to be taught to any children.” - Michael Coard, Esquire

[Join us on February 22, 2022 to learn more about CRT.](#) Why? Because we (all of us) are a part of this puzzle called America. And it's crucial to get an understanding, so that as Dr. Martin Luther King pointed out; That we (America) are true to what is said on paper. And that African Americans can take our rightful places, in a fair and just "yet" to be United States.

"And finally, need I add that I who speak here, am bone of the bone and flesh of the flesh of them that live within the veil." (W.E.B Du Bois, 1903)

- Apryll Adams, CommonBondz President



CRITICAL RACE THEORY

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MICHAEL COARD, ESQ.
CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEY & PROFESSOR

Moderated by Mark Hayes



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