



The Oregon Remembrance Project (ORP) was founded in 2018 to find reconciliation for the lynching of Alonzo Tucker, Oregon's only documented African American victim of lynching.

Lynching became an integral part of American "justice" during the 19th and 20th centuries.

The Equal Justice Initiative documented nearly **6,500** lynchings of African Americans between 1865-1950.

Lynching

- Left thousands of African Americans dead
- Imposed racial subordination
- Forced the exodus of millions from the South
- Diminished the humanity of African Americans in the American consciousness

Lynching was not the work of a few hooded vigilantes - whole communities participated in the ritualistic killing of African Americans.

The legacy of lynching was not hidden away in the shadows of the night. The legacy of lynching was broadcast in broad daylight on the courthouse lawn.

We lynched in the name of justice in the same way we execute in the name of justice.

Lynching has survived through the American death penalty.

At the same time lynchings in the US were going **down**, executions were going **up**. Lynching simply moved **indoors** where all-white juries and expedited trials carried out the same verdict as the lynch mob.

During the 1930's African Americans made up **two-thirds** of all those executed in the United States. Between the years of 1910-1950, African Americans made up **22%** of the South's population but **75%** of all those who were executed in the region.

The same presumption of guilt, dangerousness and difference that justified lynching continues to justify the treatment of African Americans today.

The color of your skin still plays a crucial role in whether our society believes you deserve death or not. When we look at someone and are comfortable saying "You deserve to die," that decision is tainted by racial bias.

41%

Of people on death row are African American males yet African Americans males only make up 6.5% of the population

Since 1976, of the 186 death row exonerations, 54% have been African American

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3X

A 2014 study found that jurors in WA state were 3x more likely to recommend a death sentence for a Black defendant than for a White defendant accused of similar crimes

The states in the South, OK, and MO had the highest number of lynchings and, since 1976, 86% of all executions in the US occurred in this region of the country

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