



HEALTH CARE HEADLINES

JUNETEENTH EDITION

Juneteenth is a holiday marking the emancipation of the last enslaved African Americans in the former Confederacy, two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation. It is not a federally recognized holiday in the U.S. despite its enormous historical and cultural significance.

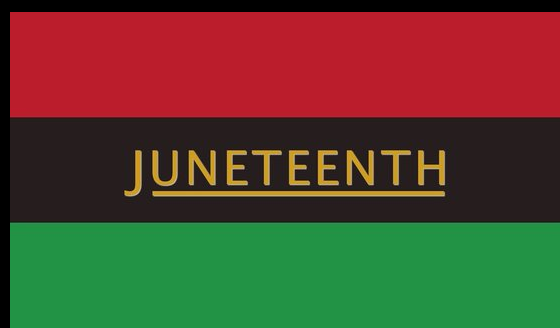


[Makes Me Wanna Holler](#)

Today, you are welcome to read the words of Stephanye Clarke on the way COVID-19 and police brutality have created what she calls "The Perfect Storm" for unrest. [Read more here.](#)

[Black joy- not corporate acknowledgement- is the heart of Juneteenth.](#)

"Companies and state governments are finally recognizing Emancipation Day as an official holiday, but black Americans have honored its significance all along." Many people aren't familiar with the history behind the holiday. You can [read this article](#) to get caught up.



[Prison labor is modern day slavery. I've been sent to solitary for speaking out.](#)

"Anybody convicted of a crime after 1865 could be leased out by the state to private corporations who would extract

their labor for little or no pay. In some ways that created worse conditions than under the days of slavery, as private corporations were under no obligation to care for their forced laborers – they provided no healthcare, nutritious food or clothing to the individuals they were exploiting."

This article is almost two years old, but remains relevant as we consider the impact slavery had and has on our country today. [Read more.](#)

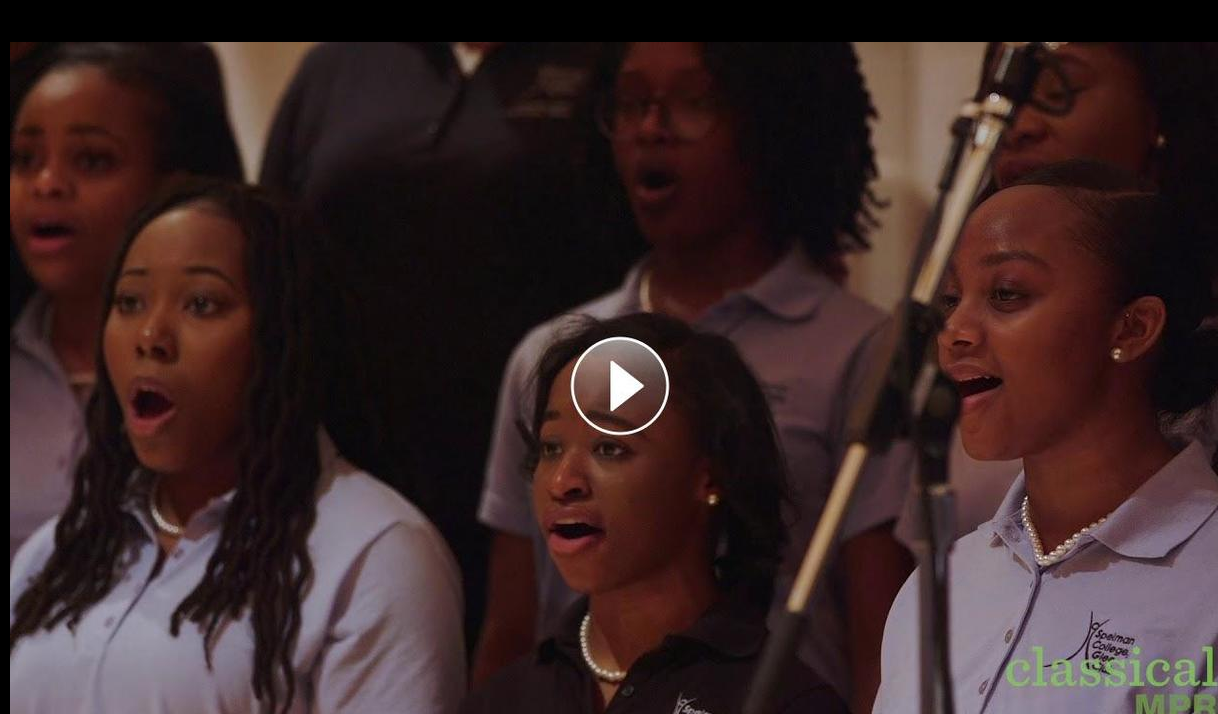
You can have an impact

Be part of the movement in Connecticut by supporting the work of organizations that fight racism and anti-blackness daily. Here are some that we recommend:

- [Movement for Black Lives \(M4BL\)](#)
- [Hearing Youth Voices, New London](#)
- [Connecticut Bail Fund](#)

Lift Every Voice and Sing...

also known as the Black National Anthem, is a song that was written as a poem by NAACP leader James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938) and then set to music by his brother John Rosamond Johnson. Listen to it performed by the Spelman College Glee Club below.



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