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**Black History Month**

Around 1926 many former slaves were still living in America; it was a reminder for an institution that was banned some 50 years before. Having said that there were many black colleges and other institutions that were forming and where the black people were getting their basic education. Along with that black artists were creating songs and participating and also black leaders were trying their hard to change the view of the world and of Americans specifically about the perception of blacks and how they were being treated in the American history. Carter G. Woodson was born in Virginia to former slaves wanted to account for all the injustice that was being done to the entire black community. He was also the only black person who had a doctorate from Harvard University. Right after returning from Harvard university Woodson started his professional life to gather the early history of black Americans who were entirely overlooked, ignored and also suppressed by the early historians who played significant roles in writing the history of America and also the teachers who then used these history books.

To Woodson, the black experience was quite significant simply to be put into a small group of academics. In the struggle of racial uplift, Woodson understood that his part was to use both black history and the associated culture as a tool. So this month originally started as Negro history week in 1926. It was intentionally put in the second week of February so that it can coincide with the birthday of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln (“Knowing the Past Opens the Door to the Future The Continuing Importance of Black History Month”)

 In 1976 the then President Gerald R.Ford extended this one week into whole month by saying that the entire nation is required to seize the opportunity to honor the ignored deeds of black Americans in every part of attempt throughout our history. Basically, black history month started to attain the recognition from a stubborn nation of the invaluable role that black people have played in the freedom of the United States of America. It is very important to recognize the Black History month as African American history month because in the freedom of America these black people also played quite a significant role. In the revolutionary war as well the Black people sacrificed their lives to get freedom from the invaders. Another reason why America should recognize this day is to show solidarity and respect towards the black Americans, by doing this they will also get the idea that they are not outsiders who are living on their soil forcefully, but they are equal citizens of American society. By doing this, these black people who are otherwise outrageous will play their role in the development of the country as one nation (Ernie Suggs).

 Although this date is celebrated occasionally and mostly, it is used to accomplish the political agendas. Most of the racists who are still present in American society refuse to accept and acknowledge the role of African Americans. Majority of Black Americans are still working so hard to have their basic rights, and by celebrating this day as African American day they will be confident that the nation has accepted them as the citizens of America but still they are facing discrimination in every field, so it is quite difficult to have a unanimous decision on this. It is the responsibility of the government to announce this day as the day of American African, but that is also a difficult thing to do because with the Trump administration in power who himself is racist such policy and such recognitions are impossible to envision at this hour.

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