

African American Women Rights

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“I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality.... I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.”

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

African American women were fighting for their rights in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This happened from 1848 to 1920 when African American women noticed that white women had so much more. The conflict is that African American women were fighting for their rights, and then the compromise was that African American women got their rights. African American have been trying to get more rights since 1848. They felt that it was unfair to them that white women could do so much more than them.(See Appendix I)(See Appendix II)

February 3, 1870 the 15th Amendment was passed. The 15th Amendment is giving African American Men the right to vote. African American Women didn't think it was fair for men to have the right to vote but African American Women didn't. The African American

Women and Men had many debates on why it wasn't fair. The African American Women didn't understand why they both didn't get voting rights at the same time.(Equal Rights)

When Women didn't have rights when African American Men did the Women didn't think it was fair. When African American Men had some rights and Women didn't one thing that could happen is when women got pregnant while working they could get fired. Women would also face difficulties getting a credit card because men had to have it under their name. The third reason why it was hard was because women couldn't vote at all and only men could vote and also women were not allowed into the military because they didn't think women were a help and didn't care. Men and women didn't get along because of this reason and they fought because women wanted the same rights.(Loney, Dennis)

The Conflict in African American Women Rights In Wisconsin is that African American Women wanted equal respect from White Women. The African American Women didn't think it was fair that they didn't get the same rights as men. White Women got a lot more than African Women did because people thought that race was a big thing. Race in the olden days was a very big deal because most people thought that White people were better than any other race. That's why most people thought it was more necessary for men to get more rights than women would. Also many people wanted only men voting and that's why in 1870 men got the right to vote. Women were angry because they wanted to be able to vote like Men. Men had a lot more rights than women did and many people thought it was unfair. Mostly women thought it was unfair because they were the ones who didn't have the same rights.

(Women's Rights)

Many Women went marching in the streets holding up signs to get people's attention so people would know what they wanted which was rights. Some women went so over the top in fighting for their rights that some of the women got arrested for being too aggressive. The women were fighting for their rights for so long the people were actually thinking of finally giving the women rights. They kept thinking and thinking of what they should do which was either give women rights or not. Finally on August 18, 1920 all women got the right to vote and got rights. The women were so happy and more so many African American women were because White women of knew that they were gonna get rights soon. In 1920 the women's suffrage happened and that was when limited voting rights were gained in Wisconsin. The women were very happy because they finally got their rights. In 1920 they got to vote but until 1980 that's when the polls weren't the same number as men. Women's polls to reach the same number as mens took 60 years which is crazy seeing how many people there are in the world. Which means there are probably more men than women. It's crazy seeing how many women were so happy that they got rights. Even in the newspapers a long time ago there are still some newspapers about that women got rights.(Lincoln, Abbey)(Appendix III)

No one thought that women would be able to be as equal as men but they eventually did because they worked hard getting what they wanted. It wasn't easy for women to get equal rights because they just wanted men to have the rights. It was definitely not fair for the women to not have their rights equal. The women didn't understand why it was such a big deal for them to have the same equal rights. It wasn't fair for women to no have the same rights as men did. Men had a lot more rights than women did before women got their equal rights because everything wasn't the same before.(African American Equal Rights)

In the mid- 1950's to late 1960's there was something that happened called the Civil Rights Movement. The Civil Rights Movement was something where African American Women wanted the same rights as Whites. The African Americans didn't think it was fair that the Whites had so much more. The African Americans had to gain equal rights under the law in the United States. After the African Americans got their rights after the Civil War the officially abolished slavery. It didn't end anything with discrimination though with African Americans. When people wouldn't end discrimination with African American blacks they got sick of it. After the whites did that for so long the unpredicted fight for equality spanned two decades. Many other races thought it was crazy how bad these whites were treating these African American Blacks. It wasn't fair because many white women had way more than black african american women had. People didn't understand why whites were treating African American Blacks like that because whites had so much more than african americans and they shouldn't be complaining.(Civil Rights Movement)

Another huge thing in African American Women Rights was pay equality. Many of the African American Women in Wisconsin thought that in Wisconsin african american women would get 63 cents on the dollar compared to white men. It was absolutely unfair to african american women because the white men would get so much more money than them. Now in 2018 on an average most people get 15 dollars per hour each day. It's crazy how much more money we get each hour and in the 1950's it was 63 cents an hour. Most of the african american women had to live in really bad homes and not have much food because of how much they got paid which wasn't a lot at all. If an african american women was married to a white man then

they might have more because white men got more than black women.(Pay Equality)(Davis, Jack E)(Black History In Wisconsin)

Many white men didn't want to treat african american women the right way. The white men would tell them what to do and how to dress. The white men thought that they were so much better than every other african american women. Even though men had more things than women did doesn't mean the white men get to boss them around.(Women's Respect and Rights)

Finally, every race and gender decided that they were gonna be more nicer and stop bossing each other around. The compromise of African American Women In Wisconsin is that african american women got there rights and got the right to vote. This topic was a very huge topic to talk about because there was so much going on in a short amount of time. Like that men got the right to vote, women's suffrage happened, and there was a civil rights movement. The government thought it would be a good idea to tell the people that they have to start treating each other the same because they all have the same rights. If the people didn't have the same rights then the government wouldn't be able to say that because then they wouldn't be equal. Everyone should be equal no matter what gender they are, race, or what country their from.

The Conflict and Compromise is very important in this topic. The conflict was that African American Women wanted rights in Wisconsin. The compromise is that the African American Women got there rights and everyone is getting along now. Their not judging people by there race, gender, or where they live. It's crazy how this conflict and compromise worked out so well because now everyone gets along and most people are happy. Before women got their rights the women were angry and mad because it was unequal which made men get more money, men being able to treat women with disrespect, and they can do what they want. The

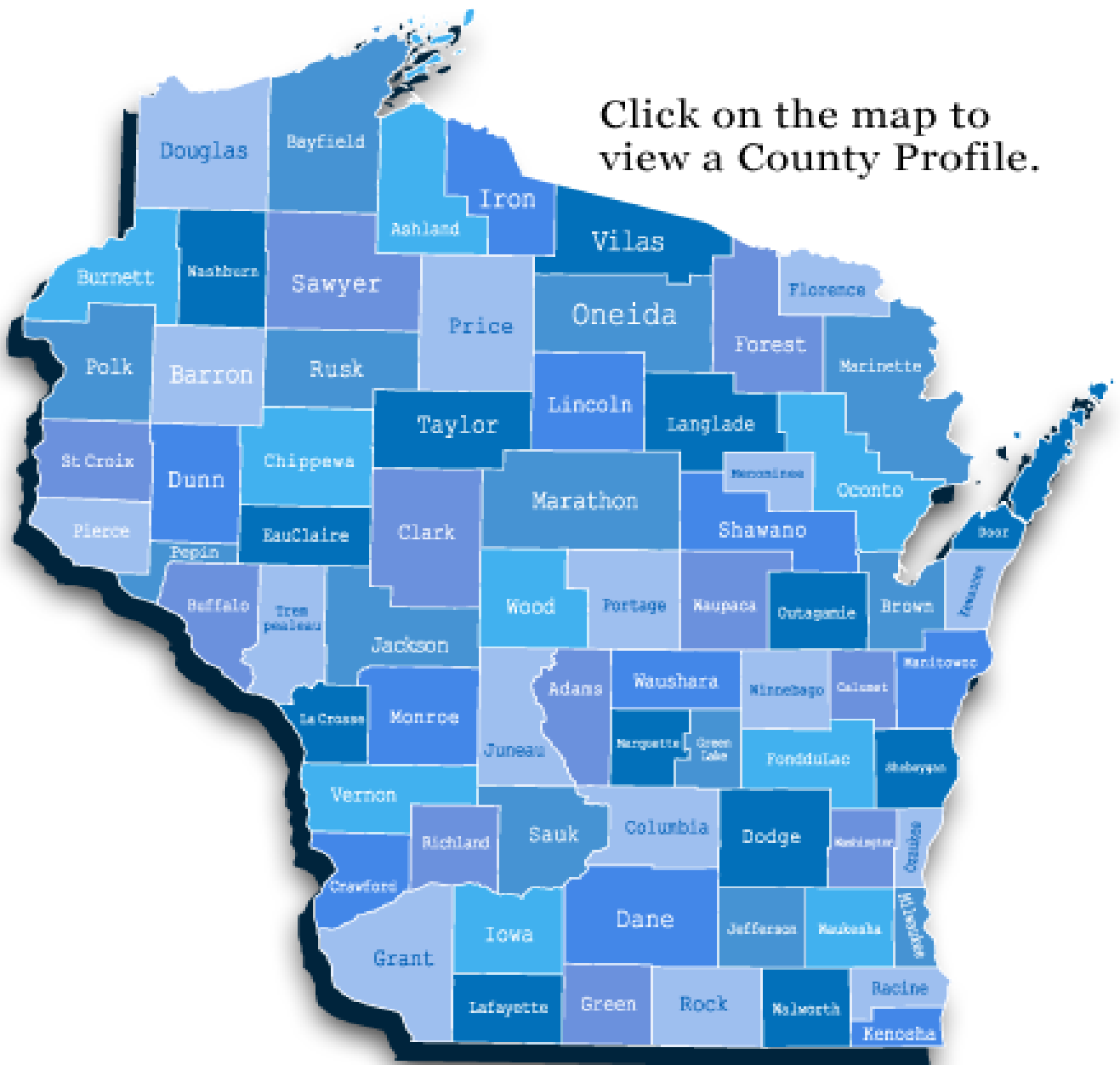
compromise makes everyone fair and square because everyone has to treat each other the same because they have what they want. That is why African American Women wanted their Rights in Wisconsin and how Conflict and Compromise impacted the this years theme topic.

Appendix I



This picture is when women were trying to get equal rights as men. They didn't care about anything else at the time they just wanted rights.

Appendix II



Click on the map to view a County Profile.

This is a map of Wisconsin and of all the cities. This helps you know what cities I'm talking about in my paper.

Appendix III

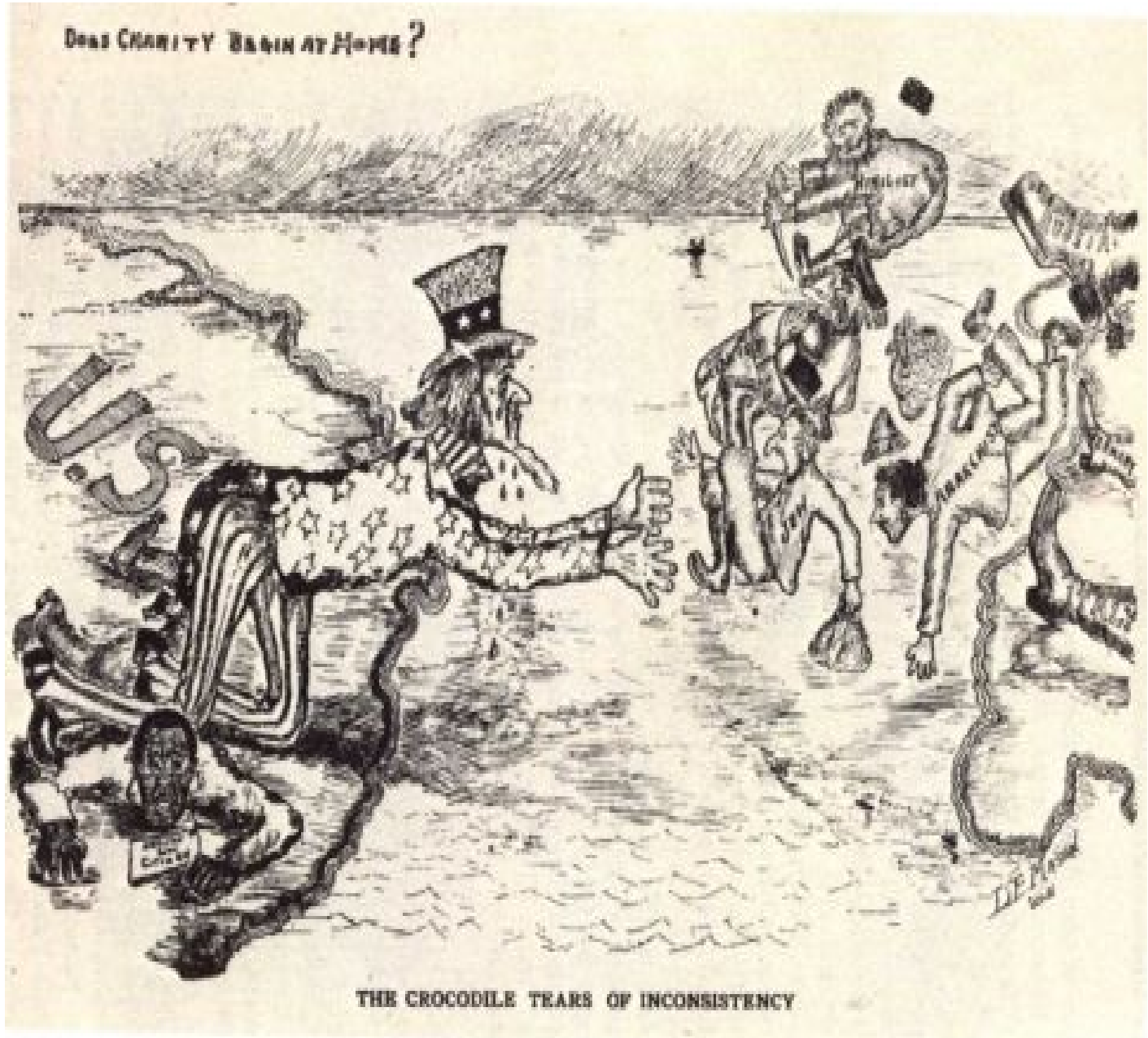


Political cartoon from the *Voice of the Negro*, December, 1904

Courtesy Trevor Arnett Library, Atlanta University

This cartoon is of this guy that is fighting for their rights in December, 1904.

Appendix IV



Political cartoon from the *Voice of the Negro*, September, 1905

Courtesy Trevor Arnett Library, Atlanta University

This is a political cartoon of the *Voice of the Negro*, in September, 1905.

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The Civil Rights Movement was very important because all the Women wanted better rights.

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Crocodile Tears of Inconsistency was drawn in 1905 in Atlanta. It was of a cartoon of Women fighting for their rights.

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What this picture was telling me was that it was hard on Women because they weren't as equal as men were.

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The people were insisting on rights. In this Newspaper they are talking about how everyone that were Women wanted rights.

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In this picture the Women were holding up signs and getting in trouble because they started marching in the streets.

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This was a piece of artwork that explains how Women wanted their rights more than anything.