

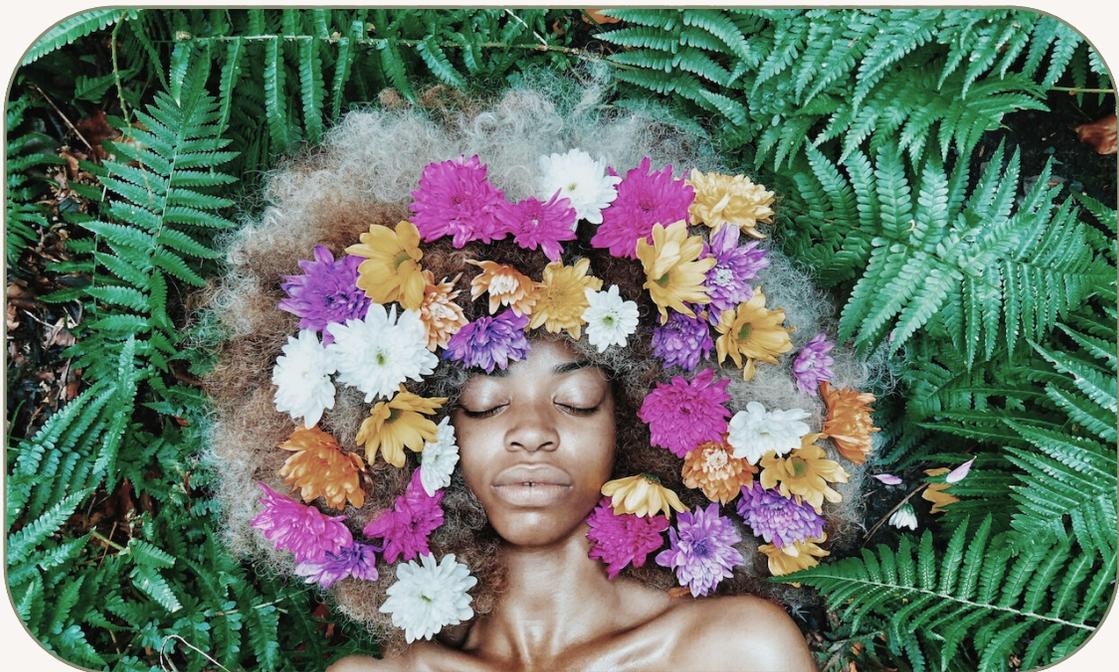


DISCUSSION GUIDE:

**HOW DO YOU IMAGINE BLACK DISABLED
PEOPLE DURING JUNETEENTH?**

How Do You Imagine Black Disabled People During Juneteenth?

Juneteenth has always been about celebrating Black people and Black culture. However, our understanding of Juneteenth largely comes from stories that are told by abled-bodied people. This discussion guide discusses Juneteenth through the eyes of Black disabled leaders and helps you grapple with disability principles to leverage during emancipation.



GLOSSARY

HELPFUL TERMS AND CONCEPTS

- **Emancipation:** the process of giving people social or political freedom and rights ([source](#)).
- **Juneteenth:** An annual celebration of emancipation from slavery in the United States. Juneteenth celebrates June 19, 1865, the day Major General Gordon Granger issued the order establishing the Union Army's authority over the people of Texas and that all slaves are free.
- **Black disability politics:** is the way that Black people engage with disability as a political and social issue, rather than a simply a medical or personal issue (Dr Sami Schalk).
- **Access:** Equal access to social goods is one of the most fundamental principles of social justice. This holds that society's resources should be equally available to all ([source](#)).
- **Power-** Power is the ability not just to tell the story of another person, but to make it the definitive story of that person (Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie).
- **Coalition:** A collection of different people or groups, working toward a common goal ([source](#)).



THE NAMED ADVOCATES ON DISABILITY JUSTICE AND JUNETEENTH



Watch [this video](#) and then discuss or reflect on the following questions:

- What are some of the lessons that you pull from this video?
- How do you imagine Black disabled people transitioning into emancipation during the first Juneteenth in 1865?
- What are some BIPOC Disabled icons and leaders that embody liberation? What do they teach us about community organizing?
- What disability justice principles are essential to emancipation?
- In what ways do we need to improve Juneteenth celebrations to be more accessible?
- How do you imagine Black Disabled people during emancipation in today's time?



3 DISABILITY JUSTICE PRINCIPLES FOR EMANCIPATION

- 01 Interdependence**- We meet each others' needs as we build toward liberation, knowing that state solutions inevitably extend into further control over lives.
- 02 Collective Access**- As brown, black and queer-bodied disabled people we bring flexibility and creative nuance that go beyond able-bodied/minded normativity, to be in community with each other.
- 03 Collective Liberation**- No body or mind can be left behind – only moving together can we accomplish the revolution we require.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



- [The Continuation of Slavery: The Experience of Disabled Slaves during Emancipation](#)
- [Juneteenth and the legacy of disabled Black slaves](#)
- [What is Juneteenth?](#)
- [What Is Juneteenth? | COLOSSAL QUESTIONS](#)
- [What is Juneteenth? Watch a Juneteenth Cartoon \(Fun Facts about Juneteenth\)](#)
- [This Is Why Juneteenth Is Important for America](#)
- [Disability Solidarity: Completing The 'Vision For Black Lives'](#)
- [6 Steps to Building a Better Workplace for Black Employees](#)