

LYNCHINGS IN GEORGIA

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THE BEGINNING OF TERROR

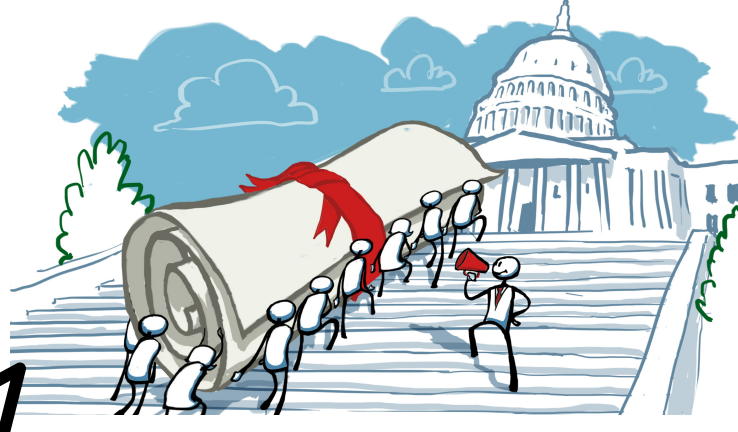
In the mid 1800's, there was a group of masked individuals that began to be known as the Ku Klux Klan. These individuals wore hoods covering their face and performed riots as well as lynching primarily colored individuals. Lynching is the killing of a person from mobbing and could be shooting, beating, or hanging. Lynching became the primary method used by many individuals aside from the Ku Klux Klan and continued on for a while. In the early 1900's, the lynching rates began to lower and it became rare around the country. In Georgia alone, there were 594 lynchings reported between 1877 and 1950.

MOORE'S FORD

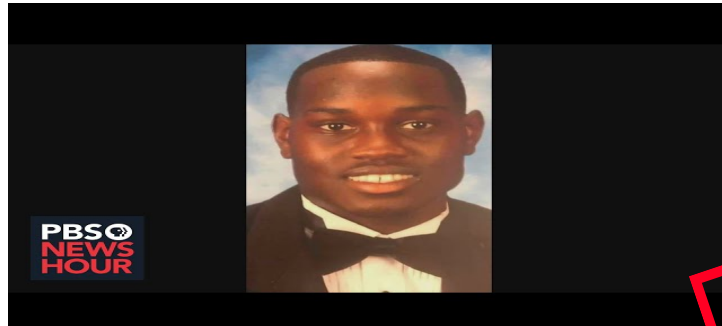
July 25, 1946



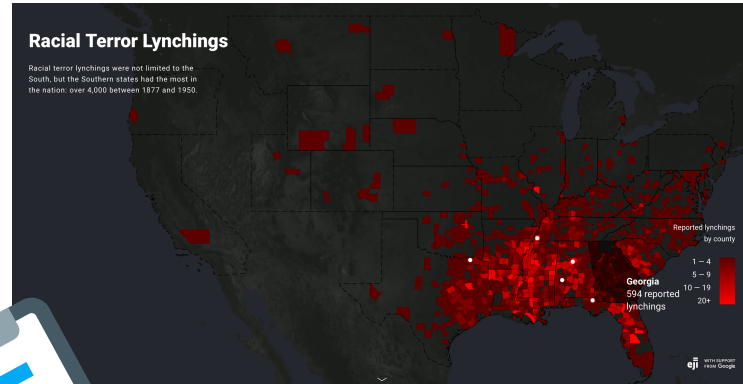
Roger and Dorothy Malcom and George and Mae Murray Dorsey were sharecroppers in 1946 before they were lynched on July 25, 1946. They were taken to the Moore's Ford Bridge by a mob who beat and shot them several times. It became a national news report and rallies began to spread. Although, lynching wasn't something new in this time, it was impacting because the amount of people being lynched at once.



Since the 1900's, there were several bills proposed, but were declined each time. In 2019, congress finally passed the Emmett Till Antilynching Act, which proposed that lynching becomes a crime. As of February 26, 2020, the act was passed through the House of Representatives and is currently waiting to be passed by the Senate. The bill however, has been on a good track, which gives citizens hope that it will become a crime after many past incidents.



Above is an interview with Ahmaud Arbery's father and a lawyer after his death. Ahmaud Arbery was a young African American boy that according to his father was a well mannered young athlete. Arbery was exercising in the neighborhood when a man and his son proceeded to follow Arbery and accuse him of recent burglaries in the neighborhood. They claimed that he hit him while he was committing a burglary, however, footage shows otherwise. His father claims it was mob lynching and there should be justice. The Georgia Bureau has taken the case into consideration and according to an article by Sandy Hodson, the case is being seen as an act of lynching.



Above is a visual of the amount of reported cases of lynchings in the United States between 1877 and 1950. In darker red, is Georgia with 594 reported lynchings.

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