Striking for Freedom

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TEACH-IN ON I-1000 AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Please join us for an interactive discussion of I-1000 and affirmative action. How should we frame and understand affirmative action historically and critically, particularly in relation to movements for racial justice?



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Compromise of 1850

- California entered as a "free" state.
- Strict fugitive slave law.
- No restriction on slavery in New Mexico Territory and Utah Territory.

Kansas-Nebraska Act (1854)

Popular sovereignty over slavery in the territories.



John Brown



John Copeland

Name, TA's Name

When was slavery abolished in the United States?

Who was most responsible for the abolition of slavery? Why?

Individual, group, organization?

Free Labor

The right to become economically independent, to fulfill one's potential.

Partnership between capital (employers) and labor (employees).

The South

- Slavery
- Aristocracy
- Backwardness

The North

- Free Labor
- Democracy
- Progress

Why did white men in the North support the Republican party and oppose slavery?

- Slavery, sanctioned by the Kansas-Nebraska Act and the *Dred Scott* decision, seemed to be expanding.
- Slavery's expansion appeared to threaten their free labor society and their own individual opportunity.

Radical Republicans

Frederick Douglass

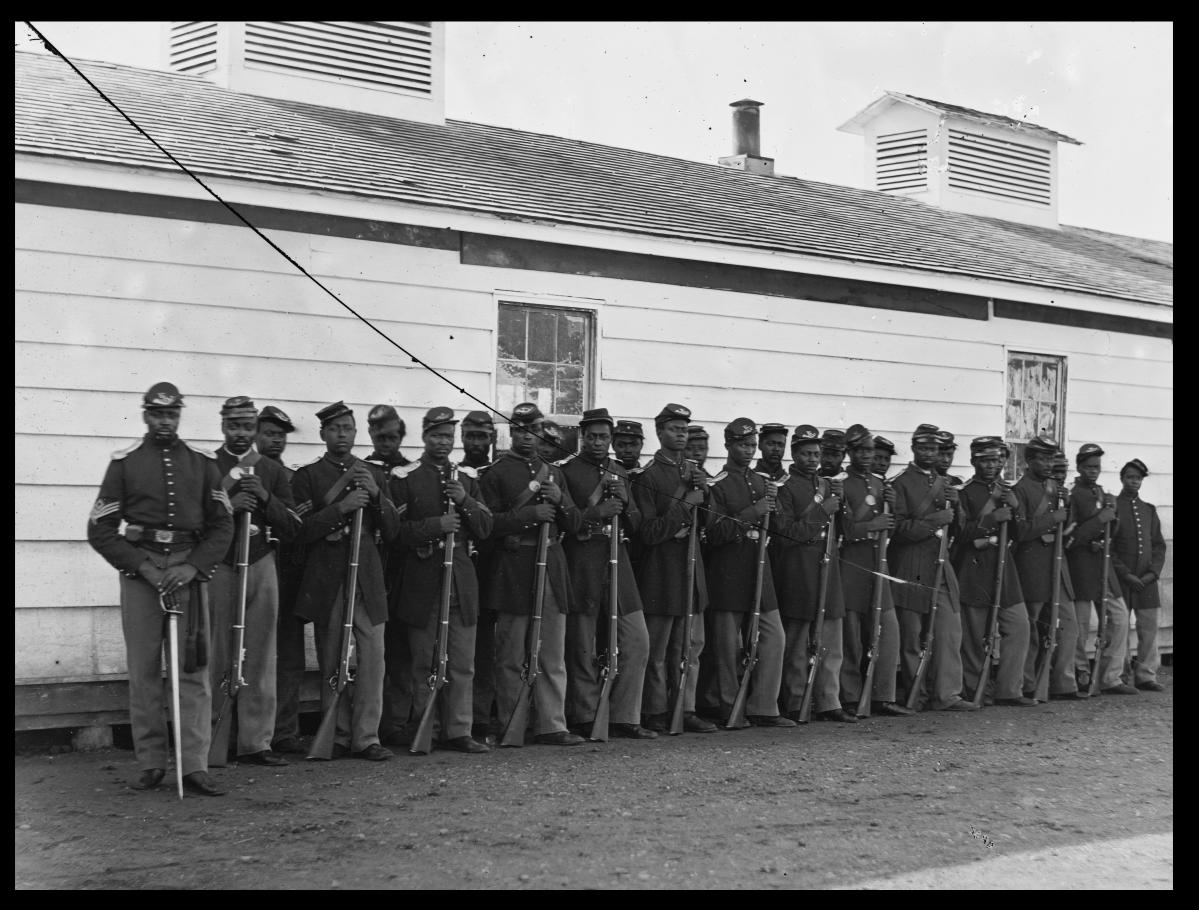
Thaddeus Stevens

Charles Sumner

Republican Party

- Antislavery and anti-black.
- "Free soil" for "free white men."
- Gradual emancipation and "colonization."





"John Brown's Body"

What is freedom?

Former Slaves

Physical mobility
Family reunification
Economic independence (land, wages)
Political power
Autonomy

Former Slaveholders

Restoration of slavery (or something very close to it)

Union Army/Republicans

Free labor Work, not idleness