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Outline

Title:

A System of Oppression: The Rise and Impact of the Jim Crow Laws

Thesis:

[The establishment of the Jim Crow laws created a legal way of oppressing the African American community in a few different ways.](#)

Key points:

1. suppression on voting
2. restricting economic advancement through discrimination and labor practices
3. enforcing social segregation that reinforced racial inequality
4. The impact was profound and detrimental

Body:

1. Voter suppression for African Americans under the Jim Crow law played a crucial role in maintaining white political power in the south.
 - poll taxes
 - intimidation and violence from threat groups ex Ku Klux Klan
 - impact from lack of representation in government

-literacy test that were unfair/ unequal opportunity due to education being restricted

2. through unequal job, labor and education opportunities, the jim crow laws kept African Americans trapped in a poverty cycle.

- sharecropping after slavery

-job discrimination

-wage inequality

-limited access to education

-lack of legal protection

3. by mandating separation in public spaces between white and black people, jim crow laws deepened racial divisions and kept unequal treatment between black and white people.

-inequality in education

-segregation in public spaces

-social and psychological impact

-restriction in daily life

4. as a result, jim crow laws created a significant and long lasting harm to African American communities across the united states

-government

-generational poverty

-emotional/psychological effects

-impacts to current time

Wrap up/ conclusion:

The rise of the jim crow laws created a deeply rooted system of oppression and pain that affected African American lives in every aspect

- voting rights

- denied voice in government

- discriminations

- racial inequality

- Plessy V. Ferguson

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