



Some of the thousands demanding jobs and freedom at the historic march on Washington in 1963.

## Oregon Racism At Statehood

### The Constitution of the State of Oregon: Pertinent Sections

**Article I Section 31.** - White foreigners who are, or may hereafter become residents of this State shall enjoy the same rights in respect to the possession, enjoyment, and decent of property as native born citizens. And the Legislative Assembly shall have power to restrain, and regulate the immigration to this State of persons not qualified to become Citizens of the United States.

**Article I Section 34.** - There shall be neither slavery, nor involuntary servitude in the State, otherwise than as a punishment for crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted.

**Article I Section 35.** - No free negro, or mulatto, not residing in this State at the time of the adoption of this Constitution, shall come, reside, or be within this State, or hold any real estate, or make any contracts, or maintain any suit therein; and the Legislative Assembly shall provide by penal laws, for the removal, by public officers, of such negroes, and mulattos, and for their effectual exclusion from the State, and for the punishment of persons who shall bring them into the state, or employ, or harbor them. (repealed November 1926)

**Article II Section 6.** - No Negro, Chinaman, or Mulatto shall have the right of suffrage. (repealed June 28, 1927)

**Article XV Section 8.** - No Chairman, not a resident of the State at the adoption of this Constitution, shall ever hold any real estate, or mining claim, or work any mining claim therein. The Legislative Assembly shall provide by law in the most effectual manner for carrying out the above provisions.



Young men in uniform. The Civil War broke out at a time when Oregonians were subduing Indians. There was a lot of anti-war sentiment from this state.

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A Black railroad brakeman sits in an ornately furnished car with his lantern on the floor beside him. In 1925, a Black porter was required to log 11,000 miles or work more than 400 hours a month before receiving overtime pay.

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