

Session 7

Today, we were joined by **Dr. Terry Anne Scott** for an impactful session on the history of Black political representation and the ongoing fight for civil rights. Dr. Scott walked us through the Reconstruction and Jim Crow eras, showing us the deep inequalities and injustices people of color faced just trying to exercise their right to vote and navigate public spaces. She broke down the boys and pieces how, even though the Reconstruction era briefly opened the door to a massive expansion of democratic rights with 850,000 men gaining the vote, 790,000 of them in the South and states quickly found ways to shut those freedoms down. Dr. Scott analyzed the specific ways these states limited those freedoms, which really highlighted the constant pushback against progress. It was a sobering look at history, but it left us with a **STRONG**, and necessary reminder of the work we still have to do to protect and advance our democracy today.

To-Do's before next session

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