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Celebrations and Traditions

Traditional African dance and music performed for Juneteenth, 2019

The holiday is considered the "longest-running African-

American holiday" and has been called "America's second Independence Day." Juneteenth falls on June 19 and has often been celebrated on the third Saturday in June. Historian Mitch Kachun considers that celebrations of the end of slavery have

three goals: "to celebrate, to educate, and to agitate". Early celebrations consisted of baseball, fishing, and rodeos. African Americans were often prohibited from using public facilities for their celebrations, so they were often held at churches or near water. Celebrations were also characterized by elaborate large meals and people wearing their best clothing. It was common for formerly enslaved people and their descendants to make a pilgrimage to Galveston. Observance today is primarily in local

celebrations. In many places, Juneteenth has become a multicultural holiday. Traditions include public readings of the Emancipation Proclamation which promised freedom, singing traditional songs such as "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" and "Lift Every Voice and Sing", and reading of works by noted African-

American writers, such as Ralph Ellison and Maya Angelou.

Celebrations include picnics, rodeos, street fairs, cookouts, family reunions, park parties, historical reenactments, blues festivals, and Miss Juneteenth contests. Red food and drinks are traditional during the celebrations, including red velvet cake and strawberry soda, with red meant to represent resilience and joy.



Juneteenth

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Rapid Recap: Latest Business Trends

- Customers Want Control: Businesses should empower customers by providing them with choices and control over their interactions, whether it's through self-service options, chatbots, or direct access to human agents.

Business Digest: A Snapshot of the Day

- Key Earnings to Watch: Investors are anticipating upcoming earnings reports from CrowdStrike (\$CRWD), Broadcom (\$AVGO), Dollar General (\$DG), and Dollar Tree (\$DLTR).

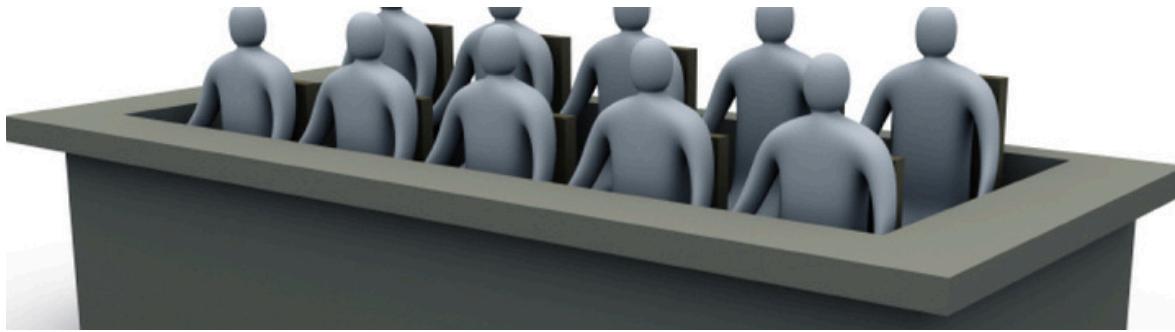
JUNE is National Freedom Month

Juneteenth (officially Juneteenth National Independence Day) is a federal holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States. Its name is a portmanteau of "June" and "nineteenth", as it is celebrated on the anniversary of June 19, 1865, when in the wake of the American Civil War, Major General Gordon Granger ordered the final enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation in Texas. Originating in Galveston, Juneteenth has since been observed annually in various parts of the United States, often broadly celebrating African-American culture.

Early celebrations date back to 1866, at first involving church-centered community gatherings in Texas. They spread across the South and became more commercialized in the 1920s and 1930s, often centering on a food festival. Participants in the Great Migration brought these celebrations to the rest of the country. During the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, these celebrations were eclipsed by the nonviolent determination to achieve civil rights, but grew in popularity again in the 1970s with a focus on African-American freedom and African-American arts. Beginning with Texas by proclamation in 1938, and by legislation in 1979, every U.S. state and the District of Columbia has formally recognized the holiday in some way. Juneteenth is also celebrated by the Mascogos, descendants of Black Seminoles who escaped from slavery in 1852 and settled in Coahuila, Mexico.

Celebratory traditions often include public readings of the Emancipation Proclamation, singing traditional songs such as "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" and "Lift Every Voice and Sing", and the reading of works by noted African-American writers, such as Ralph Ellison and Maya Angelou. Juneteenth celebrations may also include rodeos, street fairs, cookouts, family reunions, parties, historical reenactments, and Miss Juneteenth contests. The day was recognized as a federal holiday in 2021, when President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law. Juneteenth became the first new federal holiday since Martin Luther King Jr. Day was adopted in 1983.





JUNE outlook on Justification ~ Jeopardy ~ Judgement

These terms relate to the legal and theological concepts of accountability, consequence, and determining guilt or innocence:

1. Justification:

- In law, justification is a defense that allows a defendant to be exempt from liability because their actions were deemed appropriate or not wrong in the specific circumstances. This means that while all elements of the crime may have been met, the court views the actions as justifiable and potentially even desirable.
- Examples include self-defense, defending others, or actions taken out of necessity to prevent greater harm.
- A defendant using a justification defense essentially acknowledges their actions but claims they were appropriate and legally acceptable due to the context.

2. Jeopardy:

- In legal terms, jeopardy refers to the danger of conviction and potential punishment that a defendant faces when on trial for a crime.
- Double Jeopardy is the legal principle, guaranteed by the Fifth Amendment of the US Constitution, that prevents someone from being prosecuted or punished more than once for the same offense after they have been acquitted or convicted.
- Jeopardy generally attaches when a jury is impaneled in a jury trial, or when the first witness is sworn in a bench trial.
- If jeopardy has been attached, a defendant cannot be retried for the same offense unless certain circumstances apply, such as a mistrial due to manifest necessity or a successful appeal that doesn't declare innocence.

3. Judgement:

- In a legal context, a judgment is the final decision of a court in a case, concluding the legal proceedings.
- It signifies the court's official determination of the rights and liabilities of the parties involved in the case.
- In a broader sense, it can also refer to the process of making a decision or assessment, whether in legal or other contexts.

Relationship between the terms:

These terms are interconnected within the legal and potentially philosophical contexts.

- A justification defense can be used during a trial to influence the court's judgment about a defendant's actions.
- If a judgment of acquittal is reached, the principle of double jeopardy protects the defendant from being tried again for the same offense.
- The concept of jeopardy itself relates to the potential outcome of a judgment - the risk of conviction and punishment.

Thank you for reading!

Monthly Feature



OUR MONTHLY FEATURE THIS MONTH IS ME!

Yes, I am the Birthday Girl; that's right my B-day is June the 19th~Juneteenth

FROM THE DESK OF THE FOUNDER~FABULOUS FREDA

Hi my name is Alfreda, after I became unemployed in 2014, I elected to pursue my divine passion and became a Licensed Ordained Minister. I grew up in a committed spiritually Faith-Based environment that has always provided me with a spiritual sensibility towards having a passion to share the good news of the Gospel. No matter what giants I faced and mountains that I had to climb through life, I somehow seemed to find myself motivated through providing personal coaching by sharing tools and tips to assist others based upon my professional skills as well as Personal and Spiritual knowledge. Through a determined desire to create social innovation, community development and people empowerment from what I believe is my predestine passion WDGS was officially birthed in 2014 and became certified via the IRS as a Non-profit 501(c)3 Organization in 2017, as of 2020 the acronym WDGS became a United States Registered Trademark.

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