Textbook: <https://openstax.org/details/books/american-government-2e>

[It's a Free Country Video](https://mycourses.spcollege.edu/d2l/common/dialogs/quickLink/quickLink.d2l?ou=257377&type=coursefile&fileId=Civil+Rights%2fIt%27s_a_Free_Country_Video.html): <https://mycourses.spcollege.edu/content/enforced/257377-OFR_POS2041_2023_0575/Civil%20Rights/It%27s_a_Free_Country_Video.html>

[Professor Patterson's lecture on Civil Rights](https://mycourses.spcollege.edu/d2l/common/dialogs/quickLink/quickLink.d2l?ou=257377&type=coursefile&fileId=Civil+Rights%2fVideo+Lecture+Civil+Rights+(2645).html): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eBWWDzphxn8&feature=youtu.be>

**Discussion 4**

[Module Learning Objectives Assessed: 9.2 & 9.3]

**Civil Rights**

Please view and take notes on [It's a Free Country Video](https://mycourses.spcollege.edu/d2l/common/dialogs/quickLink/quickLink.d2l?ou=257377&type=coursefile&fileId=Civil+Rights%2fIt%27s_a_Free_Country_Video.html) and/or [Professor Patterson's lecture on Civil Rights](https://mycourses.spcollege.edu/d2l/common/dialogs/quickLink/quickLink.d2l?ou=257377&type=coursefile&fileId=Civil+Rights%2fVideo+Lecture+Civil+Rights+(2645).html) and read the Civil Rights chapter in your textbook. After doing so, **answer the following two questions:**

1. Explain the purpose and role of the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution.  How did this amendment change the relationship between the States and the Bill of Rights?  What was the context of this amendment? And why is it so significant to equality for all?
2. Discuss one additional action taken by the government to advance equality for all.  Which branch was responsible for this advance?

**In order to receive credit, you are required to:**

* **Submit**a discussion thread divided into paragraphs following the aforementioned questions/topics.
  + Penalties for not following this requirement will range from 5 to 10 points.
* **Provide**comprehensive responses by using the textbook as the primary source of information.
  + Penalties for not using the textbook as the primary source of information will range from 5 to 20 points
* **Submit** your main response **in at least 250 words**.
  + Penalties for not following the length requirement for any response/reply will range from 5 to 30 points.
* **Reply** to at least **three** classmates **in at least 70 words per reply.**
  + In your reply, identify something you had not previously been aware of or something which challenges you to think differently.
  + Each reply will be worth five (5) points.
* **Submit**all discussion posts within the due date.
  + No late submission will be allowed or graded unless it involves a documented emergency or accommodation.
* **Avoid**copy-and-paste and unnecessary quotations.
  + **Use paraphrasing instead of quoting.**
    - You should use a quote only when the same idea cannot be stated differently or when doing so would diminish its academic value. The latter is not applicable in our case and the former is rarely needed.
* **Provide, when paraphrasing,** in-text citations and references in the APA writing format.
  + Penalties for not providing in-text citations and/or references will range from 10 to 40 points.
  + **Plagiarism will not be tolerated.** A failing grade for the assignment and/or the course will be awarded pursuant to the *SPC Academic Integrity Policy*. <https://go.spcollege.edu/AcademicHonesty/>
  + See the following links for specific information on how to provide in-text citations and references.
    - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fLlLIYxeGls> (in-text citations)
    - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MiL4H09v0gU> (quoting v. paraphrasing)
    - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HO9ABVfaLGE> (Web citation)
    - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8qGZkgnxSk> (Article citation)