

Cultural Awareness Bulletin

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Starting in 1982, a congressional bill and presidential decree proclaimed the week beginning on March 7th “Women’s History Week.” Since this time, the celebration and recognition of women has expanded to include the entire month of March.

Look for Intent When Comparing the Capitol Mob To Black Lives Matter, Historian Says

Source: NPR (WBUR local affiliate)

“The Capitol riot showed a group demonstrating raw power, while Black Lives Matter protesters were asking for power. That’s “the crucial difference between those two events,” [Historian] Howard says. “In these two different instances, you have people without power who are trying to advance this project of America for equality for all and those who already have the power trying to make sure that they suppress any political opinion that differs from their own,” she says.”

<https://www.wbur.org/hereandnow/2021/01/18/capitol-mob-black-lives-matter>

Wikipedia at 20: Why It Often Overlooks Stories of Women in History

Source: Tamar Carroll & Lara Nicosia

“Less than a third of biographical entries on Wikipedia are about women.”

<https://theconversation.com/wikipedia-at-20-why-it-often-overlooks-stories-of-women-in-history-92555>

Girlhood (It’s Complicated)

Source: Smithsonian Institution & National Museum of American History

“Spanning a timeframe of more than 200 years and showcasing over 200 objects this exhibition examines the ways American girls have spoken up, challenged expectations and been on the frontlines of change. Girlhood (It’s complicated) commemorates the anniversary of woman suffrage by exploring the concept of girlhood in the United States, but also how girls changed history in five areas: politics, education, work, health, and fashion.”

<https://americanhistory.si.edu/girlhood>

First Migrant Facility for Children Open Under Biden

Source: Silvia Foster-Frau (Columnist with the Washington Post)

“But immigration lawyers and advocates question why the Biden administration would choose to reopen a Trump-era facility that was the source of protests and controversy. From the “tent city” in Tornillo, Tex., to a sprawling for-profit facility in Homestead, Fla., emergency shelters have been criticized by advocates for immigrants, lawyers and human rights activists over their conditions, cost and lack of transparency in their operations.”

https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/immigrant-children-camp-texas-biden/2021/02/22/05dfd58c-7533-11eb-8115-9ad5e9c02117_story.html