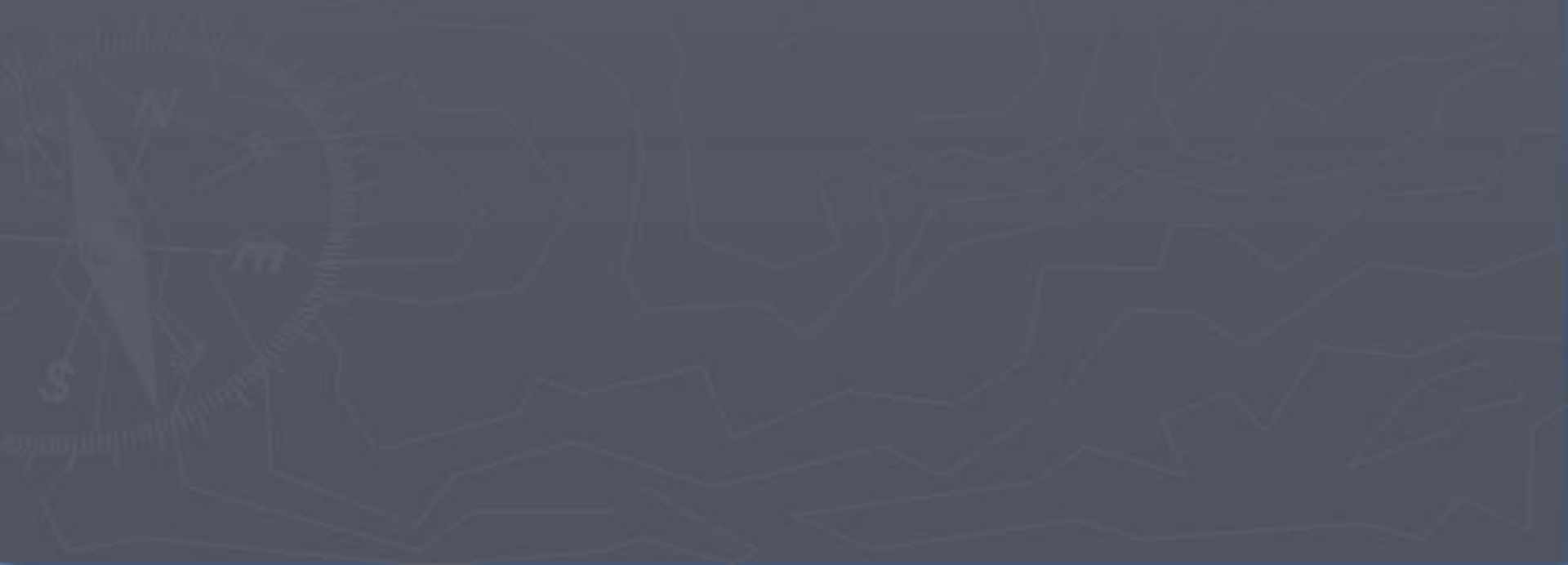


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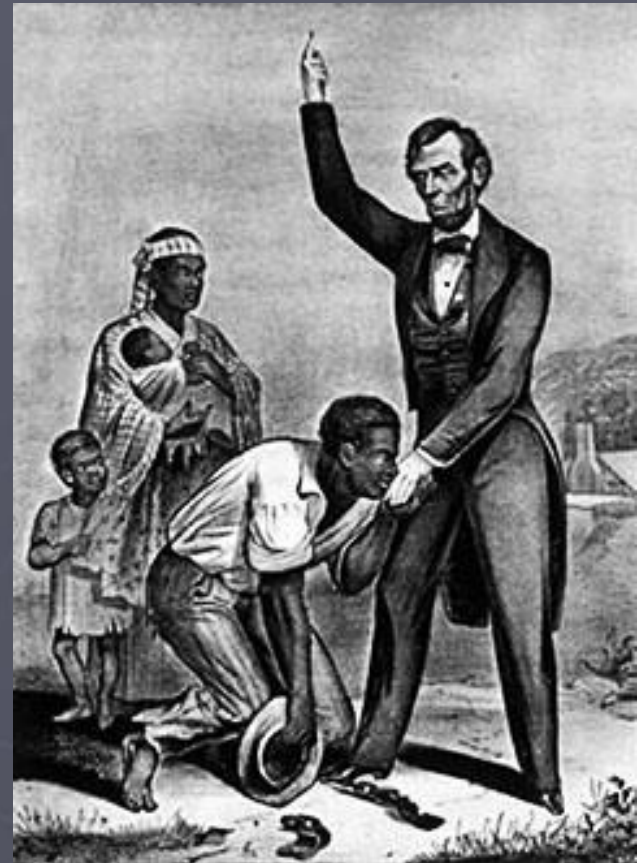


Explanation

- Over the course of American history Amendments have been added to the Constitution to protect the individual rights of the people.
 - Reflect changing societal values and historical context
 - Must be approved by 2/3 of Senators, Representatives, and 2/3 of States' legislatures

13th Amendment

- Abolition of Slavery (1865)
- Abolishment of Slavery and Indentured Servitude



14th Amendment

- Civil Rights Guaranteed (1868)
- States may not restrict rights granted at federal level



15th Amendment

- Votes for Freedmen (1870)
- States can not restrict right to vote on the basis of race



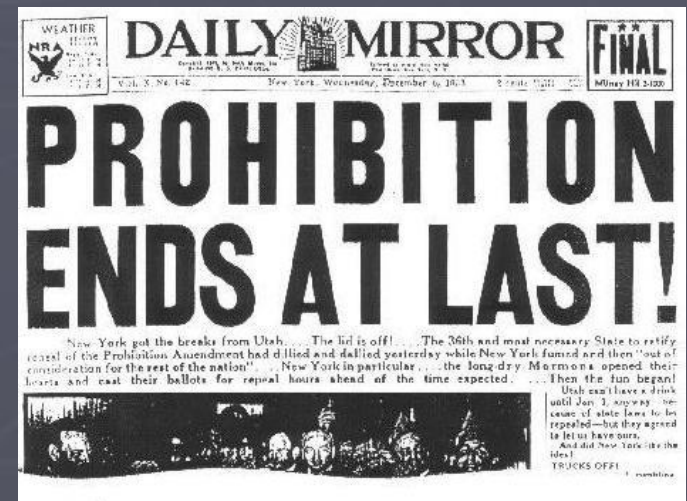
19th Amendment

- Woman's Suffrage (1920)
- Says neither the state or federal government can restrict the basis to vote on the basis of gender



21st Amendment

- Repeal of Prohibition (1933)
- States could now decide whether or not to allow alcohol consumption



24th Amendment

- The Poll Tax (1964)
- Says the government can not prevent you from voting if you have not paid your taxes, nor can it charge you a tax to vote.



26th Amendment

- Lowering the Voting Age (1971)
- Lowered the voting age from 21 to 18.

