

Black Identity Formation and the Relationship with Political Right in Brazil

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Abstract

This paper aims to go through the concepts of identity formation, specifically racial identity formation, related to the recognition and attainment of political rights. The beginning goes through a contextualization of how identity is formed, looking directly at the condition of the enslaved black population in the colonial period. The discussion then moves on to the formation of black identity after the legal abolition of slavery in 1888 and continues until the advances in the recognition and achievement of political rights in Brazil. In the final considerations, I point out that the formation of racial identity in Brazil is directly linked to the emergence and organization of black movements, and identity formation is a determining factor in becoming an active social agent.

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