



America's Black Forum Episode Synopsis

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This week on **America's Black Forum**:

Freedom to Learn Campaign

CRT or Critical Race Theory has become a political football – with politicians using it to score a touchdown at the ballot box. But, those on the other side of the argument are fighting back with something called **The Freedom to Learn Campaign**. **Law School professor Kimberly Crenshaw – who founded the campaign – says our democracy is at stake**. She says the Freedom to Learn Campaign is a response to efforts that seek to “whitewash” racism and slavery from American History...and try to strip away some of our fundamental rights.

Mississippi comedian/actor Merc B. Williams

Just ask anyone in Jackson, Mississippi who **Merc B. Williams** is, and they'll tell you 'he's a funny guy.' **Williams is a comedian, writer, and host** whose talent has reached various platforms including the comedian Kevin Hart's “Hart of the City, Season 2” on Comedy Network, Dope Magazine, and Vibe Controllers Podcast. His morning web show Laugh Your Way To Work showcases his comedic talents on everyday life topics for his workforce followers. Yet Williams' dreams are just getting started.

Two Mississippi Museums

If you walk through the spacious **Two Mississippi Museums in Jackson**, which includes the Museum of Mississippi History and the Civil Rights Museum, you'll not only *see* the history, you'll *feel* it. The research and care of the historical installations throughout the museum is moving beyond measure for anyone touring the facility, and it's led by **Director Pamela D.C. Junior**.