

MAKE A PINBACK BUTTON FOR

# THE MARCH

# ON WASHINGTON



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## WHAT IS A PINBACK BUTTON?

Pinback buttons have been around for over 100 years. People wear buttons to show support for political causes or other things that they care about.

During the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom on August 28, 1963 marchers wore buttons to show their support.

Some people, like Joan Trumpauer-Mulholland, kept them to remember being there that day.

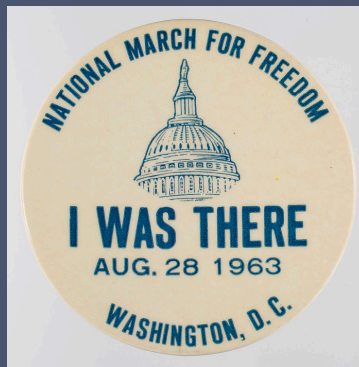
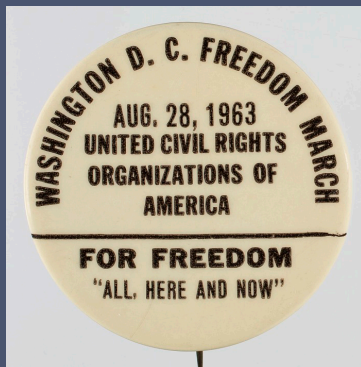


*Gift from the Trumpauer-Mulholland Collection*

## YOUR JOB-

Design a button to show what you care about.

Examples from the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom are below:



*Images are from the Collection of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture*



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## MATERIALS NEEDED

- » Cardboard – you can upcycle cereal or shipping boxes
- » Something circular (2 – 3 inches) to use as pattern
- » Scissors
- » Markers
- » Tape
- » Safety pins

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Trace a circle on the cardboard



2. Cut out the circle



3. Decorate



4. Tape safety pin on back



» It is easier to tape if the safety pin is open (just be careful of the sharp point)

» Make sure it is in the middle

5. Wear with pride and be sure to share!

To learn more about the March on Washington, visit:

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