Join us for our second talk in our Understanding America series with Ben Parten, a PhD candidate working on the 19th century U.S. history, focused on the histories of race, slavery, abolition, and emancipation.

In this talk, Ben will discuss how college football in the U.S. is having to grapple with the coronavirus, but also with its racist history. Two of the prominent conferences in the U.S. have put a pause on football for the fall due to coronavirus while three of the other large conferences intend to play, but tied into the decision-making is another institutional problem with college football that administrators, fans, players and coaches need to address: the many ways the legacy of slavery still surfaces in the game today and the persistence of Confederate iconography in the sport.

Ben will discuss why football developed when and how it did, and why, because of its history, it’s imbricated in our racial discussions today.

Please register to receive the Zoom instructions to join the event.

Read Ben’s recent article in the Washington Post for a sneak preview of this conversation: https://wapo.st/3bYHHps [1].

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