**The O.J. Simpson Case**

* OJ Simpson was a Hall of Fame football player and an actor

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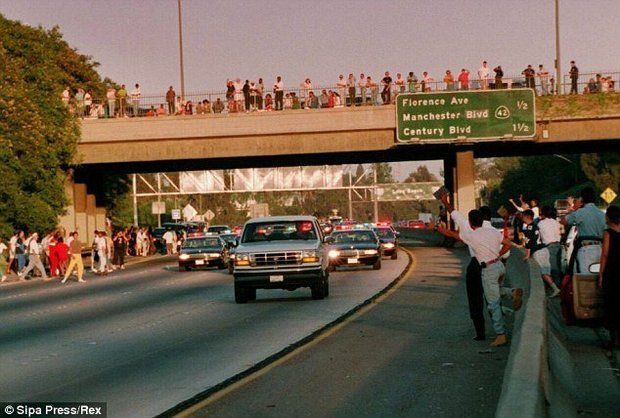
* Arguably the most publicized trial in US history
* More airtime was given to the case than the Bosnian War and Okla. City bombing combined
* At the trial’s end, there was a racial divide on Simpson’s guilt

The Crime

* June 13, 1994 Simpson’s ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her companion were brutally murdered

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* The Simpson’s had been divorced for 2 years
* Evidence found at the crime scene linked OJ to the crime
* Lawyers convinced the LAPD to let OJ turn himself in
* Simpson never showed, and was later spotted on a freeway in a white Bronco
* The infamous “slow chase” ensued as Simpson threatened suicide

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* 95 million Americans watched as all news outlets covered the chase live
* Many LA citizens lined the street to catch a glimpse of the vehicle
* He was eventually apprehended and arrested

The Trial

* Due to the amount of media coverage, many participants became celebrities

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* Simpson spent between $3-6 million on a “Dream Team” of attorneys
* Began Jan. 24, 1995

DNA Evidence

* DNA evidence gave prosecution confidence in a conviction
* Matches were found between OJ’s blood and bloody shoe prints found at the scene

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* The technician that handled OJ’s blood sample held onto it for nearly a day before turning it over for testing
* This led to doubt about the police’s ability to deliver reliable results

Mark Fuhrman

* Police officer who found blood at OJ’s residence
* Was portrayed as a racist by the defense

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* Tapes later surfaced that contained Fuhrman using a racial slur multiple times
* Defense used this to question his credibility

The Glove

* A glove containing blood from both victims and OJ was found at his estate
* OJ was asked to try the glove on and it didn’t fit

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* “If it doesn’t fit, you must acquit!”

The Verdict

* 100 million people worldwide waited for a decision
* Preparations were made nationwide in case of rioting
* Oct. 3, 1995 the jury returned with a verdict of not guilty

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* In a civil trial OJ was found guilty of wrongful death and forced to pay over $45 million to families of victims