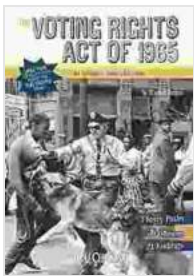


The Voting Rights Act of 1965: A Landmark Achievement in Civil Rights

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Background

Prior to the passage of the Voting Rights Act, racial discrimination in voting was widespread in the United States. In the South, where most African Americans lived, states and localities used a variety of tactics to disenfranchise black voters, including poll taxes, literacy tests, all-white primaries, and intimidation. As a result, voter turnout among African Americans was extremely low.

The civil rights movement played a key role in bringing about the passage of the Voting Rights Act. In the early 1960s, civil rights activists launched a series of nonviolent protests and voter registration drives in the South. These efforts were met with resistance from white supremacists, who often used violence and intimidation to prevent African Americans from exercising their right to vote.

In 1963, President John F. Kennedy proposed a civil rights bill that included a provision to ban poll taxes. However, the bill was filibustered in the Senate, and it was not until after Kennedy's assassination in 1963 that a civil rights bill was finally passed.

The Voting Rights Act

The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson on August 6, 1965. The act prohibited racial discrimination in voting and established federal oversight of voter registration and elections in areas with a history of racial discrimination. The act also authorized the Attorney General to send federal examiners to register voters in areas where there was evidence of racial discrimination.

The Voting Rights Act was a major victory for the civil rights movement. The act has been credited with increasing voter turnout among African Americans, and it has helped to elect more African Americans to public office.

Impact of the Voting Rights Act

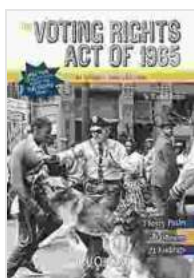
The Voting Rights Act has had a profound impact on American society. The act has helped to increase voter turnout and political participation among African Americans, and it has helped to elect more African Americans to

public office. The act has also helped to reduce racial discrimination in voting, and it has made it easier for all Americans to exercise their right to vote.

The Voting Rights Act is a landmark achievement in civil rights. The act has helped to make the United States a more just and equitable society, and it continues to be a vital tool in the fight against racial discrimination.

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The Voting Rights Act is a testament to the power of the civil rights movement. The act is a reminder that change is possible, and that we must never give up the fight for justice.



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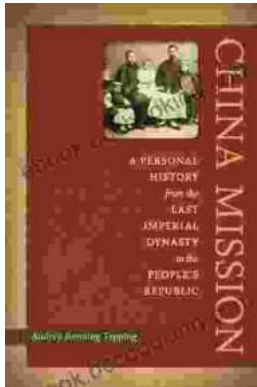
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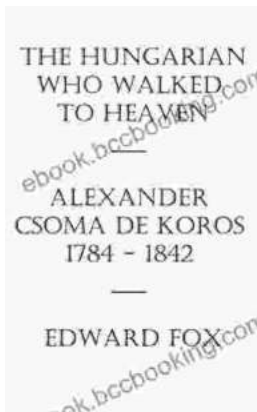
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