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Salem Press Announces the Second Edition of *Civil Rights Movements: Past & Present*

The new, second edition of *Civil Rights Movements: Past & Present* examines the long-enduring struggle for basic rights in the United States. The U.S. Constitution's Bill of Rights is meant to protect civil liberties by removing the power of the government to revoke them. The First Amendment, for example, prohibits government bodies from enacting any law that prohibits free speech, free assembly, a free press, and the free exercise of religion. Although it is quite a nice sentiment, generations upon generations of protesters, organizations, and civil rights movements have proven that not everyone is as entitled to these liberties as others. Historically, rights have been denied to members of rather particular groups—groups typically defined by age, sex, sexual orientation, race, and ethnicity. In the present day, the oppressed continue to make their voices heard through powerful movements such as #MeToo and Black Lives Matter.

In 362 alphabetically arranged essays, ranging in length from 200 to 2,700 words, *Civil Rights Movements: Past & Present* examines a wide range of civil rights issues in all their manifestations. This edition not only provides 64 new articles but also includes hundreds of updates to older articles that include new biographical resources. Not just focusing on the history of African American civil rights in the United States, this new edition has been expanded to include other civil rights movements—the women's movement, the LGBT movement, the Chicano Movement, the American Indian Movement, and the disability rights movement—while still maintaining a comprehensive overview of African American civil rights. The entries are arranged alphabetically and run from "Abolition" to "Zoning."

The essays in *Civil Rights Movements: Past & Present* cover a wide variety of material. While some essays focus on individual organizations, movements, or people, other cover court cases or pieces of official legislation. Still, others cover broader, more conceptual topics. Most entries include the following sections:

- A short **Introduction** providing the reader with a one- or two-sentence overview of the topic
- A comprehensive **Body** explaining the history of the subject, its cultural significance, and, in many cases, its implications for the future of civil rights
- A bibliographical list of **Further Reading** that serves as a guide to further reading for the curious user

- And a **See Also** section which points the reader to other essays in the set that may be relevant to the topic at hand

Among the issues discussed in this new edition are:

- Flint Water Crisis
- Gentrification
- Election of Barack Obama
- Police Brutality
- Institutional Racism
- White Privilege
- LGBT Rights
- Me Too Movement
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
- Trump Administration Family Separation Policy

Back matter in Volume 2 contains a number of reference tools to help readers further explore civil rights history. An updated **Bibliography**, organized by category, directs readers to accessible sources for further study. An updated glossary of **Notable Civil Rights Figures** offers overviews of the life and achievements of 64 key historical actors involved in all aspects of American civil rights. A **Timeline** provides a snapshot of significant civil rights events covering four centuries, from 1619 to 2019. Lastly, a **Subject Index** provides access to the individual essays and their content through multiple access points.

This two-volume work contains more than 350 in-depth essays that analyze the events that have shaped American attitudes from the start of the civil rights movement into the new millennium, communicating important concepts in a clear, approachable style, with more than 100 photographs. This is an essential text for any scholar interested in the evolution of activism.

These volumes are designed to provide high school and community college students, undergraduates, and the general public with an up-to-date overview of civil rights issues in the United States. These informative essays provide the necessary historical background to foster a better, more in-depth understanding of the events and figures that are shaping today's conversations on civil rights.

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