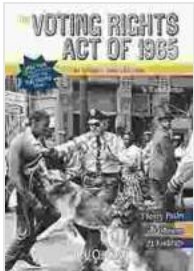


The Voting Rights Act of 1965: A Landmark Achievement in the Fight for Civil Rights



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The Voting Rights Act of 1965 is a landmark piece of legislation that prohibits racial discrimination in voting. It was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson on August 6, 1965, after a long and bloody struggle for civil rights in the United States.

The Voting Rights Act was a major victory for the civil rights movement. It outlawed the use of poll taxes, literacy tests, and other discriminatory practices that had been used to prevent African Americans from voting. The Act also created a system of federal oversight to ensure that voting rights were protected.

The Voting Rights Act has been instrumental in increasing voter turnout among African Americans. In the years since the Act was passed, the percentage of African Americans who are registered to vote has increased

from less than 50% to over 90%. The Act has also helped to elect more African Americans to public office.

The Voting Rights Act is a powerful tool for protecting voting rights. It has made a significant difference in the lives of African Americans and other minority groups. The Act is a testament to the power of the civil rights movement and to the commitment of the United States to equality.

The History of the Voting Rights Act

The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was the culmination of a long and bloody struggle for civil rights in the United States. African Americans had been fighting for the right to vote since the end of the Civil War, but they faced stiff resistance from white supremacists.

In the early 1900s, Southern states began to pass laws that made it difficult for African Americans to vote. These laws included poll taxes, literacy tests, and all-white primaries. These laws effectively disenfranchised millions of African Americans.

In the 1950s and 1960s, the civil rights movement gained momentum. African Americans began to organize protests and marches to demand their right to vote. In 1965, Congress passed the Voting Rights Act, which outlawed all of the discriminatory practices that had been used to prevent African Americans from voting.

The Impact of the Voting Rights Act

The Voting Rights Act has had a profound impact on the lives of African Americans. In the years since the Act was passed, the percentage of African Americans who are registered to vote has increased from less than

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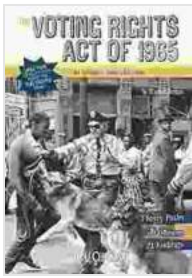
The Future of the Voting Rights Act

The Voting Rights Act is still under attack today. In recent years, there have been several attempts to weaken the Act or to overturn it altogether. These attempts have been met with strong opposition from civil rights groups and from the Obama administration.

The future of the Voting Rights Act is uncertain. However, the Act remains a powerful tool for protecting voting rights. It is essential that we continue to fight to protect the Voting Rights Act and to ensure that all Americans have the right to vote.

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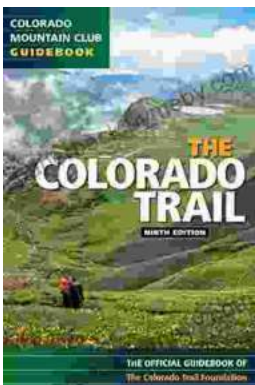
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