

How American Businesses Won Their Civil Rights: A Powerful Story of Corporate Courage and Leadership

In the annals of American history, the struggle for civil rights has been marked by both triumphs and setbacks. But one often-overlooked chapter of this story is the role played by American businesses in advancing the cause of civil rights.

In his groundbreaking book, "How American Businesses Won Their Civil Rights," author Steven A. Jones tells the compelling story of how a group of forward-looking business leaders came together to challenge racial discrimination in the workplace and beyond.



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A Pivotal Moment in History

The seeds of corporate involvement in the civil rights movement were planted in the aftermath of World War II. As the nation emerged from the conflict, a growing number of businesses recognized the moral and economic imperative of ending racial discrimination.

One of the most influential figures in this movement was A. Philip Randolph, the president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. Randolph had long been an advocate for equal rights, and in 1941, he organized the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. This historic event brought together over 100,000 people and pressured President Franklin D. Roosevelt to issue Executive Order 8802, which banned discrimination in federal contracting.

Randolph's success inspired other business leaders to follow suit. In 1945, the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) adopted a resolution condemning racial discrimination in employment. And in 1948, the United States Chamber of Commerce issued a similar statement.

Corporate Leaders Take a Stand

As the civil rights movement gained momentum in the 1950s and 1960s, a growing number of businesses took concrete steps to promote racial equality.

One of the most notable examples was the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), a civil rights organization founded by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In 1963, SCLC launched a boycott of the Birmingham, Alabama, transportation system in protest against its discriminatory practices. The boycott was successful, and it led to the desegregation of the city's buses and other public facilities.

Other businesses followed SCLC's lead by boycotting companies that practiced discrimination. For example, the NAACP boycotted the Montgomery Ward department store in 1963 until it agreed to desegregate its stores.

In addition to boycotts, businesses also used their economic power to pressure governments to pass anti-discrimination laws. In 1964, Congress passed the Civil Rights Act, which outlawed discrimination in employment, public accommodations, and other areas of American life.

The Legacy of Corporate Courage

The role played by American businesses in the civil rights movement is a testament to the power of corporate leadership. By challenging racial discrimination, these businesses not only improved the lives of their employees but also helped to create a more just and equitable society.

The legacy of corporate courage continues to inspire us today. In recent years, businesses have played a leading role in advancing such important social issues as climate change, LGBTQ rights, and racial justice.

The story of how American businesses won their civil rights is a powerful reminder that businesses can be a force for good in the world. By embracing diversity and inclusion, businesses can create a more prosperous and just society for all.

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To learn more about the fascinating story of corporate involvement in the civil rights movement, Free Download your copy of "How American Businesses Won Their Civil Rights" today. This groundbreaking book is a

must-read for anyone interested in American history, business, or social justice.

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Steven A. Jones is a professor of history at the University of California, Berkeley. He is the author of several books on American history, including "The Other Civil War: Lincoln's Struggle to Preserve the Union" and "Reconstruction After the Civil War."

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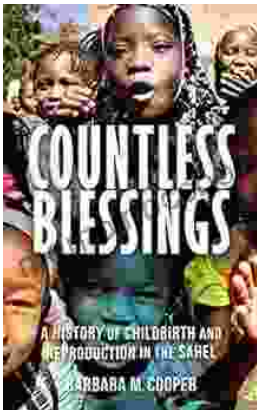
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