

An Era of Social Change

Latinos, Native Americans, and women seek equality in American society. The ideals and lifestyles of the counterculture challenge the values and priorities of mainstream society.

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Latinos and Native Americans Seek Equality

Latinos and Native Americans confront injustices in the 1960s.

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1 Latinos and Native Americans Seek Equality

The Latino Presence Grows

Latinos of Varied Origins

- 1960s Latino population grows from 3 million to 9 million
- Mexican Americans largest group, mostly in Southwest, California
- 1960, almost 900,000 Puerto Ricans settle in U.S., mostly in NYC
- Cubans flee communism, form communities in NYC, Miami, NJ
- Central Americans, Colombians come to escape civil war, poverty
- Many Latinos encounter prejudice, discrimination in jobs, housing



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Latinos Fight for Change

The Farm Worker Movement

- **César Chávez** helps form **United Farm Workers Organizing Committee**
- 1965 grape growers do not recognize union; Chávez sets up boycott
- 1970 co-founder Dolores Huerta negotiates contract

Cultural Pride

- Puerto Ricans, Chicanos demand cultural recognition, better schools
- 1968 Bilingual Education Act funds bilingual, cultural programs
- Brown Berets organize walkouts in East LA high schools

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- Latinos organize, help elect Latino candidates from major parties
- League of United Latin American Citizens works for rights since 1929
- **La Raza Unida** works on independent, Latino political movement
 - runs Latino candidates, wins in local races
- Reies Tijerina confronts government over farmers' rights in NM

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Native Americans Struggle for Equality

Native Americans Seek Greater Autonomy

- Many Native Americans cling to their culture, refuse assimilation
- Native Americans poorest group, most unemployment, health problems
- Termination policy relocates, does not solve problems
- Native Americans call for economic opportunities on reservations
- 1968 LBJ establishes National Council on Indian Opportunity

Voices of Protest

- **American Indian Movement (AIM)**—Native American rights organization

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- 1972 AIM leads march in D.C.; protest treaty violations, seek:
 - restoration of land
 - end of Bureau of Indian Affairs; occupy it, destroy property
- 1973 AIM, Sioux seize Wounded Knee; violent confrontation with FBI

Native American Victories

- 1970s laws give tribes more control over own affairs, education
- 1970s–80s courts recognize tribal lands, give financial compensation

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Women Fight for Equality

Through protests and marches, women confront social and economic barriers in American society.

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2 Women Fight for Equality

A New Women's Movement Arises

Women in the Workplace

- Women shut out of jobs considered “men’s work”
- Jobs available to women pay poorly
- JFK’s Presidential Commission on the Status of Women finds:
 - women paid far less than men for doing same job
 - women seldom promoted to management positions

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continued **A New Women's Movement Arises****Women and Activism**

- In civil rights, antiwar movements men discriminate against women
- Consciousness-raising groups show women pattern of sexism in society

The Women's Movement Emerges

- **Betty Friedan's** *The Feminine Mystique* shows women's dissatisfaction
 - bestseller, helps galvanize women across country
- **Feminism**—economic, political, social equality for men, women

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The Movement Experiences Gains and Losses

The Creation of NOW

- Civil rights laws, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission help women
- 1966 **National Organization for Women (NOW)** founded
- Presses for day-care centers, more vigorous enforcement by EEOC

A Diverse Movement

- Militant groups like NY Radical Women stage demonstrations
- **Gloria Steinem** helps found National Women's Political Caucus, *Ms.*

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- Gender-based distinctions questioned—like use of husband's last name
- Higher Education Act bans gender discrimination if federal funding
- Congress expands EEOC powers; gives child-care tax break

Roe v. Wade

- Feminist support of woman's right to an abortion is controversial
- *Roe v. Wade*: women have right to an abortion in first trimester

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- 1972 Congress passes **Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)**
- **Phyllis Schlafly** with religious, political groups launch Stop-ERA
 - think will lead to drafting women, end of child support

The New Right Emerges

- Conservatives build “pro-family” movement, later called New Right
- Focus on social, cultural, moral problems; build grassroots support
- Debate family-centered issues with feminists

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The Movement's Legacy

The Movement Changes Society

- ERA defeated; only gets 35 of 38 states for ratification by 1982
- Women's movement changes roles, attitudes toward career, family
- Education, career opportunities expand
 - many women run into "glass ceiling"
- 1983, women hold 13.5% elected state offices, 24 seats in Congress

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Culture and Counterculture

The ideals and lifestyle of the counterculture challenge the traditional views of Americans.

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The Counterculture

“Tune In, Turn On, Drop Out”

- **Counterculture**—white, middle-class youths reject traditional America
- Members of counterculture called hippies
- Feel society and its materialism, technology, war is meaningless
- Idealistic youth leave school, work, home
 - want to create idyllic communities of peace, love, harmony

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Hippie Culture

- Era of rock 'n' roll, crazy clothing, sexual license, illegal drugs
- Some hippies turn to Eastern religion, meditation
- **Haight-Ashbury** neighborhood of San Francisco becomes hippie capital

Decline of the Movement

- Urban communes turn seedy, dangerous
- Some fall victim to drug addiction, mental breakdowns



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A Changing Culture

Art

- Pop art uses commercial, impersonal images from everyday life
 - imply that personal freedom lost to conformist lifestyle
 - movement led by Andy Warhol

Rock Music

- **The Beatles** most influential rock band, help make rock mainstream
- **Woodstock** festival gathers many of most popular bands
 - over 400,000 attend

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Changing Attitudes

- Attitudes toward sexual behavior become more casual, permissive
- Mass culture addresses forbidden topics, like sex, explicit violence
- Some think permissiveness is liberating; others sign of moral decay
- Long term liberal attitudes about dress, lifestyle, behavior adopted

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The Conservative Response

Conservatives Attack the Counterculture

- Conservatives alarmed at violence on campuses, cities
- Consider counterculture values decadent
- Some think counterculture irrational, favor senses, lack inhibitions

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