

The Summer of 1919: The Awakening of Black America

The summer of 1919 was a watershed moment in American history. A wave of racial violence swept across the country, leaving dozens of black people dead and hundreds injured. The violence sparked a new era of activism and social change, and helped to galvanize the modern civil rights movement.



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The riots began in Chicago on July 27, 1919, when a white teenager was killed by a black teenager. The incident sparked a riot that lasted for three days and left 38 people dead, including 23 blacks.

The violence quickly spread to other cities across the country. In Omaha, Nebraska, a white mob attacked a black neighborhood, killing 11 people

and burning dozens of homes. In Washington, D.C., a white mob attacked a black neighborhood, killing two people and injuring dozens more.

The violence had a profound impact on black Americans. It showed them that they were not safe in their own country, and that they needed to fight for their rights.

The riots also sparked a new era of activism and social change. Black leaders across the country organized protests and rallies, and they called for an end to racial violence.

The NAACP, which had been founded in 1909, played a major role in organizing the protests. The NAACP sent investigators to the riot-torn cities, and they documented the violence and the discrimination that black people faced.

The NAACP also helped to organize a national conference on race relations in 1920. The conference brought together black and white leaders from across the country, and they discussed ways to end racial violence and discrimination.

The summer of 1919 was a turning point in American history. The violence sparked a new era of activism and social change, and it helped to galvanize the modern civil rights movement.

The book "The Summer of 1919: The Awakening of Black America" tells the story of this pivotal moment in American history. The book is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the roots of the civil rights movement.

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