



How the Sixties Shaped Today's Politics

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A SAMPLING OF READINGS (AND ONE DOCUMENTARY) FROM LEONARD STEINHORN'S COURSE ON THE 1960s IN AMERICA

(Note: Dates are provided for all material first published in the Sixties)

A Book That Will Bring You Back to the Sixties Through the Stories of Those Who Made It the Sixties:

Milton Viorst, *Fire in the Streets: America in the 1960's*

Civil Rights:

Eyes on the Prize, 1987 PBS documentary on civil rights movement

Bruce Watson, *Freedom Summer*

Martin Luther King, Letter from Birmingham Jail, 1963

President Kennedy Civil Rights Speech, June 11, 1963

President Johnson Civil Rights Speech, March 15, 1965

JFK:

Norman Mailer, "Superman Comes to the Supermarket" (Esquire Magazine article, November 1, 1960)

Youth Culture and the Student Movement:

Students for a Democratic Society, "Port Huron Statement" (1962) Mario Savio, Free Speech Movement Address (1964)

Time Magazine, "Man of the Year: Twenty-five and Under" (issue dated 1967, but it was the 1966 "Man of the Year")

Steinem, "The Moral Disarmament of Betty Coed" (Esquire Magazine, September 1, 1962)

Vietnam:

Newsweek, "What Vietnam Did to Us," special issue, December 14, 1981

James Fallows, "What Did You Do In The Class War, Daddy?" (Washington Monthly, October 1, 1975)

The Rise of the Silent Majority:

Theodore White, "Backlash" (Life Magazine, October 16, 1964)

Ben Wattenberg & Richard Scammon, *The Real Majority* (1970)

Kevin Phillips, *The Emerging Republican Majority* (1969)

The Women's Movement:

Betty Friedan, *The Feminine Mystique* (1963)

Stephanie Coontz, *A Strange Stirring*

Leonard Steinhorn has also written multiple Op-Ed pieces related to this topic that you may wish to read online.