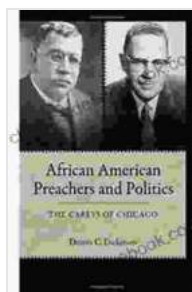


# African American Preachers and the History of American Politics

African American preachers have played a significant role in American politics since the early days of the nation. They have been involved in the fight for civil rights, the abolition of slavery, and the advancement of social and economic justice. This article discusses the history of African American preachers in politics and their impact on American society.



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## The Early Years

The first African American preachers to enter politics were free men who lived in the North. In the 18th century, they began to organize churches and schools for their communities. These institutions provided a space for African Americans to gather and discuss political issues. They also helped to develop a sense of community and self-reliance.

In the 19th century, African American preachers became more involved in the political process. They helped to lead the fight against slavery and for the abolition of the slave trade. They also worked to secure voting rights for African Americans.

## **The Civil War and Reconstruction**

The Civil War and Reconstruction era was a time of great change for African Americans. The war led to the abolition of slavery and the passage of the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments to the Constitution, which granted African Americans citizenship and the right to vote.

During Reconstruction, African American preachers played a key role in the political life of the South. They were elected to state legislatures and Congress, and they helped to establish schools and hospitals for their communities.

## **The Jim Crow Era**

The Jim Crow era was a time of segregation and discrimination against African Americans. This era lasted from the late 19th century to the mid-20th century. During this time, African Americans were denied their civil rights and were subjected to violence and intimidation.

Despite the challenges they faced, African American preachers continued to fight for justice. They led the fight against segregation and discrimination, and they helped to organize the civil rights movement.

## **The Civil Rights Movement**

The civil rights movement was a period of great social and political change in the United States. The movement led to the passage of the Civil Rights

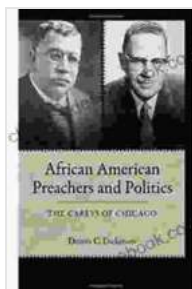
Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which outlawed discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

African American preachers played a key role in the civil rights movement. They led marches and protests, and they helped to register African American voters. They also worked to educate the public about the evils of segregation and discrimination.

## The Modern Era

Since the civil rights movement, African American preachers have continued to play an important role in American politics. They have served in high-profile political offices, including the U.S. Congress and the U.S. Senate. They have also been influential voices in the areas of social justice, economic justice, and education reform.

African American preachers have played a significant role in American politics since the early days of the nation. They have been involved in the fight for civil rights, the abolition of slavery, and the advancement of social and economic justice. Their work has helped to shape the course of American history.



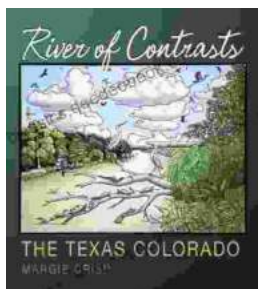
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