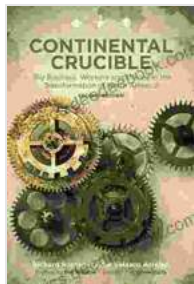


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The transformation of North America has been shaped by the interplay between big business workers and unions. From the early days of industrialization to the present day, workers have organized to fight for their rights and improve their working conditions. Unions have played a key role in this struggle, and they continue to be an important force in the labor movement today.

The Early Years

The Industrial Revolution began in the late 18th century and transformed the way that goods were produced. In North America, the Industrial Revolution led to the growth of large factories and the concentration of workers in urban areas. These new working conditions were often

dangerous and unhealthy, and workers had little power to improve their situation.

In response to these conditions, workers began to organize unions. The first unions in North America were formed in the early 19th century. These unions were small and often local, but they began to grow in strength and influence over time.

The Rise of Big Business

The late 19th and early 20th centuries saw the rise of big business in North America. Companies such as Standard Oil, Carnegie Steel, and General Motors became dominant in their respective industries. These companies were often ruthless in their treatment of workers, and they used their power to suppress unions.

Despite the challenges they faced, unions continued to grow in strength. In the early 20th century, a number of national unions were formed, including the American Federation of Labor (AFL) and the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO). These unions led a number of successful strikes and campaigns, and they helped to improve the working conditions of millions of workers.

The Post-War Era

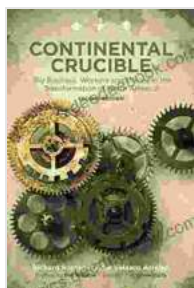
The post-World War II era was a time of economic growth and prosperity in North America. Unions continued to grow in strength, and they played a key role in the development of the middle class. However, the 1970s and 1980s saw a decline in the power of unions. This decline was due to a number of factors, including the rise of global competition, the decline of

manufacturing jobs, and the increasing use of anti-union tactics by employers.

The Present Day

In recent years, there has been a resurgence of interest in unions. This resurgence is due to a number of factors, including the growing inequality between the rich and the poor, the decline of the middle class, and the increasing use of precarious employment. Unions continue to play an important role in the labor movement today, and they are fighting for the rights of workers in a changing economy.

The transformation of North America has been shaped by the interplay between big business workers and unions. Unions have played a key role in improving the working conditions of millions of workers, and they continue to be an important force in the labor movement today. As the economy continues to change, unions will need to adapt to new challenges and continue to fight for the rights of workers.



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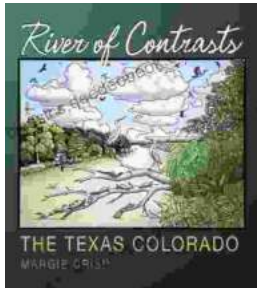
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