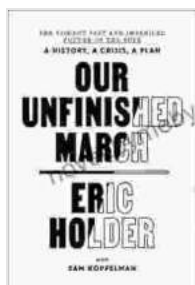


The Violent Past and Imperiled Future of the Vote: A History, Crisis, Plan

The right to vote is fundamental to American democracy. It is the foundation of our self-government, and it is the way that we, as citizens, have a say in the decisions that affect our lives.

But the right to vote has never been easy to win or to keep. Throughout our history, there have been those who have sought to restrict or deny the vote to certain groups of people. In recent years, these efforts have intensified, and the future of voting rights in the United States is now in jeopardy.

This book tells the story of the long struggle for voting rights in the United States, from the Founding Fathers to the present day. It also provides a detailed plan for how to protect voting rights and ensure that everyone has a voice in our democracy.



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The Founding Fathers believed that the right to vote was essential for a free and democratic society. They enshrined this belief in the Declaration of Independence, which states that "all men are created equal" and that they have the right to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

However, the Founding Fathers also limited the right to vote to white, male property owners. This was due to the prevailing belief at the time that only these men were capable of making rational decisions about government.

Over time, the right to vote was gradually expanded to include more groups of people. In 1870, the Fifteenth Amendment granted the vote to all male citizens, regardless of race. In 1920, the Nineteenth Amendment granted the vote to women.

However, even after these amendments were passed, many people were still denied the right to vote. In the South, Jim Crow laws and other forms of discrimination made it difficult for African Americans to exercise their right to vote. In the West, Native Americans were often denied the right to vote because they were not considered to be citizens.

The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was a landmark piece of legislation that outlawed racial discrimination in voting. The law was passed after a long and bitter struggle, and it has been credited with dramatically increasing voter turnout among African Americans.

However, the Voting Rights Act has been under attack in recent years. In 2013, the Supreme Court struck down a key provision of the law, and there have been efforts to roll back the law's protections in other ways.

Today, the right to vote is under attack from a number of different sources. These include:

- **Voter suppression laws:** These laws make it harder for people to register to vote and to cast their ballots. They include things like voter ID laws, cuts to early voting, and purges of voter rolls.
- **Gerrymandering:** This is the practice of drawing electoral districts in a way that gives one political party an unfair advantage. Gerrymandering can make it harder for people from certain communities to elect representatives who reflect their interests.
- **Foreign interference:** In recent elections, there have been efforts by foreign governments to interfere in the voting process. This interference can take many forms, including hacking into voter registration systems and spreading misinformation online.

The future of voting rights in the United States is uncertain. However, there are things that we can do to protect this fundamental right. These include:

- **Supporting organizations that are working to protect voting rights:** There are a number of organizations that are working to protect voting rights. These organizations need our support, both financial and volunteer.
- **Educating ourselves about voting rights:** It is important to understand the history of voting rights in the United States and the challenges that we face today. This knowledge will help us to be more effective advocates for voting rights.
- **Voting in every election:** The best way to protect our voting rights is to use them. We need to make sure that we are registered to vote and

that we cast our ballots in every election.

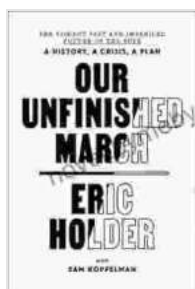
The right to vote is precious. It is a right that we must cherish and protect. By working together, we can ensure that everyone has a voice in our democracy.

The right to vote is a fundamental right that is essential for a free and democratic society. However, the right to vote has never been easy to win or to keep. Throughout our history, there have been those who have sought to restrict or deny the vote to certain groups of people.

Today, the right to vote is under attack from a number of different sources. These include voter suppression laws, gerrymandering, and foreign interference.

We must not let these attacks succeed. We must stand up for our voting rights and ensure that everyone has a voice in our democracy.

By working together, we can protect the right to vote and ensure that our democracy is strong for generations to come.



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