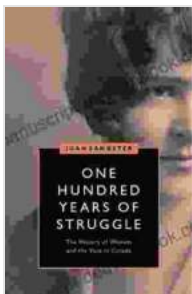


One Hundred Years of Struggle: A History of the Labor Movement in the United States

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The Early Years

The labor movement in the United States began in the early 19th century, as workers began to organize to fight for better wages and working conditions. One of the first major labor organizations was the National Trades' Union, which was founded in 1834. The National Trades' Union advocated for a number of reforms, including a 10-hour workday, a six-day workweek, and the abolition of child labor.



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In the years that followed, a number of other labor organizations were founded, including the Knights of Labor and the American Federation of Labor (AFL). The Knights of Labor was a radical organization that advocated for a number of reforms, including the eight-hour workday and the abolition of the wage system. The AFL, on the other hand, was a more conservative organization that focused on bread-and-butter issues, such as wages, hours, and working conditions.

The Great Depression

The Great Depression of the 1930s was a major turning point for the labor movement in the United States. The Depression caused widespread unemployment and poverty, and workers began to organize in large numbers to fight for their rights. In 1935, the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) was passed, which gave workers the right to organize unions and bargain collectively with their employers. The NLRA also created the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), which was tasked with enforcing the law.

The NLRA helped to fuel a surge in unionization in the United States. In the years that followed, the labor movement made a number of significant gains, including the establishment of the Social Security system, the Fair Labor Standards Act, and the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

The Post-World War II Era

After World War II, the labor movement in the United States continued to grow and prosper. In the 1950s, the AFL and the Congress of Industrial

Organizations (CIO) merged to form the AFL-CIO, which became the largest labor organization in the United States. The AFL-CIO continued to fight for the rights of workers, and it also played a major role in the civil rights movement.

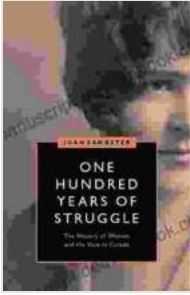
In the 1960s and 1970s, the labor movement faced a number of challenges, including the rise of global competition and the decline of manufacturing jobs in the United States. As a result, union membership began to decline. However, the labor movement continued to fight for the rights of workers, and it also played a major role in the movement for social justice.

The Present Day

Today, the labor movement in the United States is facing a number of challenges, including the rise of automation and the decline of union membership. However, the labor movement continues to fight for the rights of workers, and it also plays a major role in the movement for social justice.

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