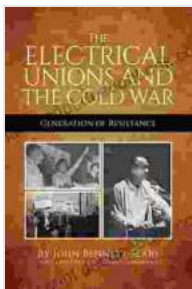


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The Electrical Unions

The electrical unions in the United States were formed in the late 19th century. The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) was

founded in 1891, and the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE) was founded in 1936.

The IBEW is the largest electrical union in the United States, with over 700,000 members. The UE is a smaller union, with about 35,000 members. Both unions are affiliated with the AFL-CIO, the largest labor federation in the United States.

The Cold War

The Cold War began in the aftermath of World War II, as the United States and the Soviet Union emerged as the two superpowers in the world. The Cold War was fought primarily through espionage, diplomacy, and propaganda, but it also had a significant impact on the economy and labor relations in the United States.

The Cold War led to a massive increase in defense spending, which in turn led to a boom in the electrical industry. Electrical unions played a key role in this boom, as they organized workers, negotiated contracts, and provided training and support to ensure that the electrical industry was able to meet the demands of the Cold War.

The Role of the Electrical Unions

The electrical unions played a number of important roles in the mobilization of the workforce for the Cold War. They organized workers, negotiated contracts, and provided training and support to ensure that the electrical industry was able to meet the demands of the war effort.

The IBEW and the UE worked together to organize workers in the electrical industry. They also negotiated contracts that provided workers with good

wages, benefits, and working conditions. In addition, the unions provided training and support to workers to ensure that they were able to meet the demands of the Cold War.

The Impact of the Cold War on Electrical Unions

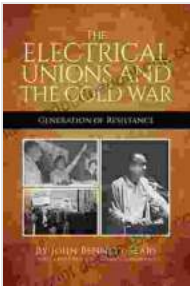
The Cold War had a significant impact on electrical unions. The war led to a boom in the electrical industry, which in turn led to an increase in union membership. The war also led to a number of changes in labor relations, including the rise of the AFL-CIO and the merger of the IBEW and the UE.

The Cold War also had a negative impact on electrical unions. The war led to an increase in government surveillance of unions, and the unions were often accused of being communist or socialist. In addition, the war led to a number of strikes and lockouts, which weakened the unions and made it difficult for them to achieve their goals.

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Despite the challenges they faced, the electrical unions remained strong and active throughout the Cold War. They played a key role in the

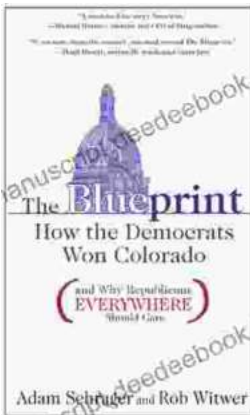
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