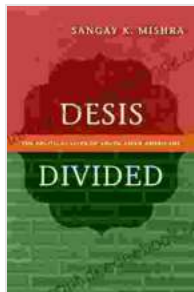


# The Political Lives of South Asian Americans: A History of Activism and Advocacy



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South Asian Americans have a long and proud history of political activism and advocacy. From fighting for civil rights to supporting immigrant rights, South Asian Americans have played a vital role in shaping American politics.

The first South Asian Americans to arrive in the United States were immigrants from India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh. These early immigrants faced discrimination and prejudice, but they also brought with them a strong tradition of political activism. In the early 20th century, South Asian Americans helped to found the Indian National Congress, which fought for India's independence from British rule. After India gained independence in 1947, many South Asian Americans continued to be active in politics, both in the United States and in their native countries.

In the 1960s and 1970s, South Asian Americans played a leading role in the civil rights movement. They fought for equal rights for all Americans, regardless of race or ethnicity. South Asian Americans also fought for immigrant rights, and they helped to pass the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965, which allowed more immigrants from South Asia to come to the United States.

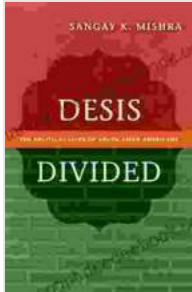
In the 1980s and 1990s, South Asian Americans continued to be active in politics. They helped to found the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF), which provides legal assistance to Asian Americans. They also helped to elect the first Asian American governor, Gary Locke, who served as the governor of Washington from 1997 to 2005.

In the 21st century, South Asian Americans have continued to play an important role in American politics. They have been elected to Congress, state legislatures, and local offices. They have also been appointed to cabinet positions and other high-level government posts. South Asian Americans have also been active in the fight against terrorism and the promotion of democracy around the world.

The political lives of South Asian Americans are a testament to their commitment to making a difference in the world. They have fought for civil rights, immigrant rights, and other important causes. They have also worked to build bridges between different communities and to promote understanding and cooperation.

South Asian Americans are a diverse and vibrant community that has made significant contributions to American society. They have fought for justice and equality, and they have helped to make the United States a more

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