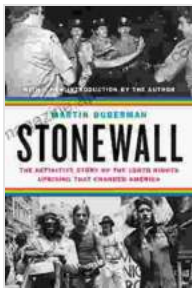


The Definitive Story of the LGBT Rights Uprising That Changed America

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The definitive story of the LGBT rights uprising is told in the book *The Lavender Scare: The Cold War Persecution of Gays and Lesbians in the Federal Government* by David K. Johnson. This book tells the story of how the federal government persecuted LGBT employees during the Cold War. This persecution was based on the belief that LGBT people were a security risk. The Lavender Scare had a devastating impact on the lives of LGBT people, but it also helped to galvanize the LGBT rights movement.

In the years since the Lavender Scare, the LGBT rights movement has made significant progress. In 1969, the Stonewall Riots marked a turning point in the movement. These riots were a response to a police raid on a gay bar in New York City. The riots sparked a wave of activism and led to the formation of new LGBT organizations. In the 1970s and 1980s, LGBT activists fought for and won a number of important victories, including the right to march in the military, the right to marry, and the right to adopt children.

In recent years, the LGBT rights movement has continued to make progress. In 2015, the Supreme Court ruled that same-sex couples have the right to marry. This was a major victory for the LGBT rights movement and a sign of how far we have come.

The LGBT rights movement is not over. There is still work to be done to achieve full equality for LGBT people. But the progress that has been made is a testament to the power of activism and the determination of those who fight for justice.

The Lavender Scare

The Lavender Scare was a period of persecution of LGBT employees in the federal government that lasted from the late 1940s to the early 1960s. The scare was based on the belief that LGBT people were a security risk. This belief was fueled by the Cold War and the fear of communist infiltration. As a result of the Lavender Scare, thousands of LGBT employees were fired from their jobs or forced to resign. Many of them were also blacklisted and unable to find work in other government agencies or private companies.

The Lavender Scare had a devastating impact on the lives of LGBT people. It caused many of them to lose their jobs, their homes, and their families. It also made it difficult for them to find work and to participate in society. The Lavender Scare also helped to create a climate of fear and suspicion that made it difficult for LGBT people to be open about their sexual orientation or gender identity.

The Lavender Scare eventually ended in the early 1960s. This was due in part to the work of LGBT activists who fought for the rights of LGBT employees. It was also due to a change in the political climate after the Cold War. However, the Lavender Scare left a lasting legacy of discrimination and fear that continues to affect LGBT people today.

The Stonewall Riots

The Stonewall Riots were a series of spontaneous demonstrations by members of the LGBT community in response to a police raid on the Stonewall Inn in New York City on June 28, 1969. The riots are widely considered to be the beginning of the modern LGBT rights movement.

The Stonewall Inn was a popular gay bar in Greenwich Village. On the night of the raid, police officers raided the bar and began arresting patrons. The patrons fought back, and the riots quickly spread to the streets. The riots lasted for several days and resulted in the destruction of the Stonewall Inn. However, the riots also marked a turning point in the LGBT rights movement. They showed that LGBT people were no longer willing to tolerate discrimination and violence.

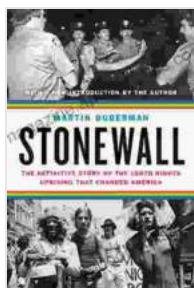
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