# Radical Equations: Civil Rights From Mississippi To The Algebra Project

The struggle for civil rights in the United States has been a long and arduous one, marked by both triumphs and setbacks. From the abolition of slavery to the passage of the Civil Rights Act, the journey towards equality has been paved with the tireless efforts of countless individuals and organizations. One of the most influential movements in the fight for civil rights was the Mississippi Freedom Movement, which played a pivotal role in securing the right to vote for African Americans in the Deep South. This movement, along with the subsequent Algebra Project, has had a profound impact on the lives of millions of Americans, providing access to education and empowerment for generations.

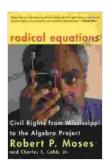
#### The Mississippi Freedom Movement: Fighting for Voting Rights

In the 1960s, Mississippi was one of the most segregated states in the Union. African Americans faced systemic discrimination in all aspects of life, including education, housing, and employment. They were also denied the right to vote, which was essential for their participation in the political process.

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In 1964, the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP) was formed by African American activists to challenge the exclusion of African Americans from the state's Democratic Party. The MFDP organized voter registration drives and held its own convention, electing a delegation to represent Mississippi at the Democratic National Convention. However, the MFDP was not recognized by the national party, and its delegates were not allowed to participate in the convention.

The denial of the MFDP's delegates sparked outrage and led to the creation of the Mississippi Freedom Movement. This movement brought together thousands of civil rights workers, both black and white, who worked to register African American voters and challenge the state's racist laws. The movement faced violent resistance from white supremacists, including the Ku Klux Klan, but it ultimately succeeded in its goal of securing the right to vote for African Americans in Mississippi.

### The Algebra Project: Bringing Math Education to Underprivileged Students

The Algebra Project is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1982 by Robert Moses, a veteran of the Mississippi Freedom Movement. The

Algebra Project's mission is to provide high-quality math education to underprivileged students, particularly African Americans and Latinos.

Moses recognized that math education was a key to economic and social empowerment. In the United States, there is a large achievement gap between white students and students of color in mathematics. This gap is often attributed to a lack of access to quality math instruction in underresourced schools.

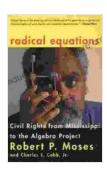
The Algebra Project works to close this achievement gap by providing small, interactive math classes to students in grades 6-12. The classes are taught by highly qualified math teachers who use a student-centered approach to learning. The Algebra Project also provides support to parents and teachers, and it advocates for policies that improve math education for all students.

#### The Impact of the Civil Rights Movement and the Algebra Project

The Civil Rights Movement and the Algebra Project have had a profound impact on the lives of millions of Americans. The Mississippi Freedom Movement helped to secure the right to vote for African Americans, which was a major step towards full citizenship. The Algebra Project has provided access to high-quality math education for countless underprivileged students, who have gone on to college, careers, and positions of leadership.

Both the Civil Rights Movement and the Algebra Project have demonstrated the power of collective action and the importance of empowering people from all backgrounds. These movements have helped to create a more just and equitable society for all Americans.

The journey for civil rights in the United States is far from over, but the progress that has been made is undeniable. The Mississippi Freedom Movement and the Algebra Project are two examples of the countless individuals and organizations that have fought for equality and empowerment. Their work has had a lasting impact on the lives of millions of Americans, and it continues to inspire people today.



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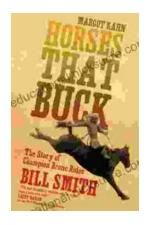
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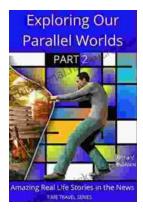
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