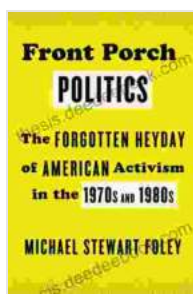


# The Forgotten Heyday Of American Activism In The 1970s And 1980s

The 1970s and 1980s were a time of great social and political change in the United States. The Vietnam War, the Watergate scandal, and the rise of the New Right all contributed to a climate of activism and protest. This article explores the forgotten heyday of American activism in the 1970s and 1980s, and its impact on American society.



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## The Vietnam War

The Vietnam War was a major turning point in American history. The war deeply divided the country, and it led to a wave of anti-war protests. The protests began on college campuses, but they soon spread to cities and towns across the country. The protests were often violent, and they led to

several deaths. The Vietnam War had a profound impact on American society, and it helped to fuel the activism of the 1970s and 1980s.



## **The Watergate Scandal**

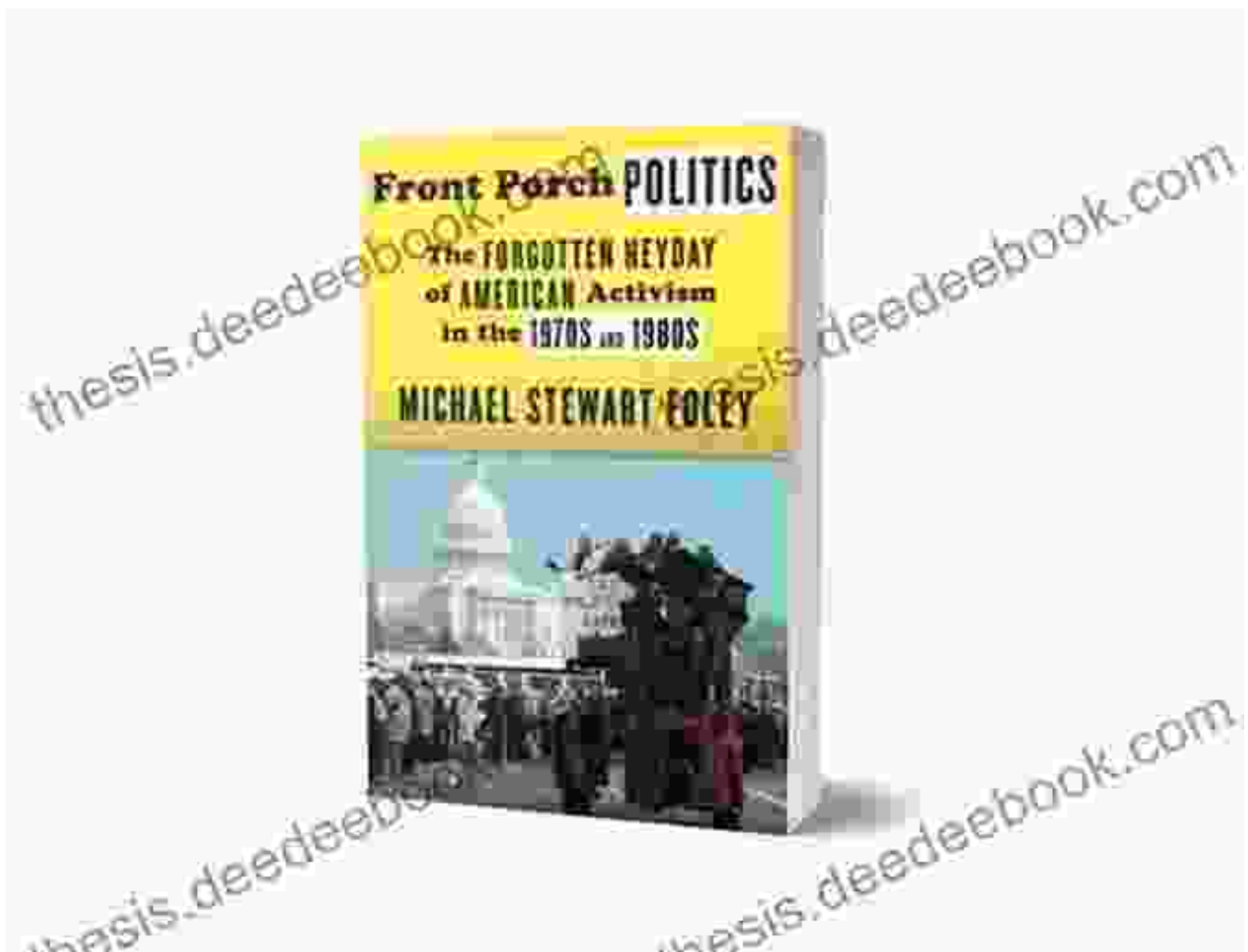
The Watergate scandal was a political scandal that led to the resignation of President Richard Nixon. The scandal began with the break-in of the Democratic National Committee headquarters in the Watergate office complex in Washington, D.C. Nixon tried to cover up the break-in, but he was eventually caught. The Watergate scandal led to a loss of confidence in the government, and it helped to fuel the activism of the 1970s and 1980s.



The Watergate scandal

## **The Rise Of The New Right**

The New Right was a conservative political movement that emerged in the 1970s. The New Right was led by evangelical Christians, and it was opposed to abortion, feminism, and gay rights. The New Right was also a strong supporter of the military and the free market. The New Right had a major impact on American politics, and it helped to shape the agenda of the Republican Party.



## **The Forgotten Heyday Of American Activism**

The 1970s and 1980s were a time of great activism in the United States. The Vietnam War, the Watergate scandal, and the rise of the New Right all contributed to a climate of protest. Activism took many forms, from anti-war protests to civil rights marches to environmental demonstrations. Activists also worked to change the law through lobbying and litigation. The activism of the 1970s and 1980s had a major impact on American society, and it helped to shape the country we live in today.

## **Examples Of Activism In The 1970s And 1980s**

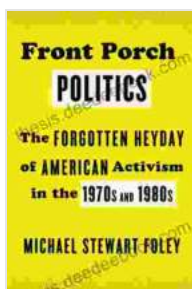
There are many examples of activism in the 1970s and 1980s. Some of the most notable examples include:

- The anti-war movement
- The civil rights movement
- The feminist movement
- The environmental movement
- The gay rights movement

These movements all had a significant impact on American society, and they helped to shape the country we live in today.

## The Impact Of Activism In The 1970s And 1980s

The activism of the 1970s and 1980s had a major impact on American society. Activism helped to end the Vietnam War, secure civil rights for African Americans, and advance the cause of feminism. Activism also helped to raise awareness of environmental issues and gay rights.



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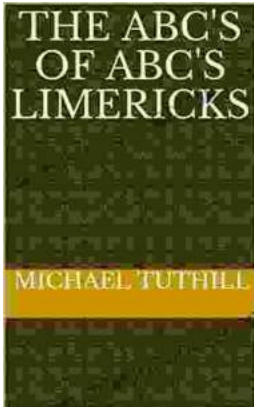
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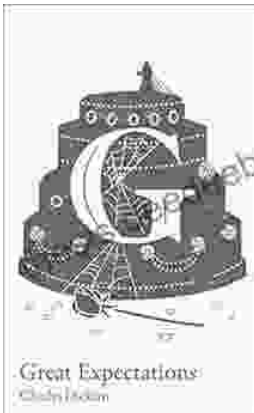
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