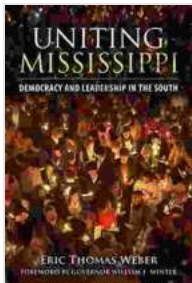


# Uniting Mississippi Democracy and Leadership in the South

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In recent years, the state has elected its first African American governor, and it has also passed a number of reforms aimed at improving race relations. These changes are a testament to the hard work of activists and community leaders who have been working for decades to make Mississippi a more just and equitable state.



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## The History of Race and Politics in Mississippi

Mississippi has a long and troubled history of race relations. The state was one of the last to join the Union, and it was also one of the last to

desegregate its schools. During the Jim Crow era, African Americans in Mississippi faced widespread discrimination and violence. They were denied the right to vote, to hold public office, and to receive a quality education.

In the 1950s and 1960s, the Civil Rights Movement challenged the Jim Crow system in Mississippi. Activists such as Medgar Evers and Fannie Lou Hamer worked to register African American voters and to desegregate schools and businesses. Their efforts were met with fierce resistance from white supremacists, and many activists were killed or injured.

Despite the violence and intimidation, the Civil Rights Movement eventually succeeded in desegregating Mississippi. In 1965, the Voting Rights Act was passed, which outlawed poll taxes and other discriminatory practices that had prevented African Americans from voting. In 1967, the Supreme Court ruled in the case of *Green v. New Kent County* that all public schools in the United States must be desegregated.

## **The Modern Era**

Since the Civil Rights Movement, Mississippi has made some progress in race relations. In 1986, the state elected its first African American governor, William Winter. Winter served two terms, and he worked to improve education and economic opportunities for all Mississippians.

In recent years, Mississippi has also passed a number of reforms aimed at improving race relations. In 2003, the state legislature passed a resolution apologizing for its role in slavery. In 2015, the state adopted a new flag that does not include the Confederate battle emblem. And in 2021, the state

legislature passed a hate crimes law that makes it a crime to target someone based on their race, religion, or sexual orientation.

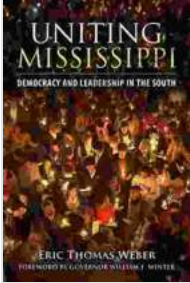
These changes are a testament to the hard work of activists and community leaders who have been working for decades to make Mississippi a more just and equitable state. However, there is still much work to be done. Mississippi remains one of the poorest states in the nation, and African Americans continue to face discrimination in many areas of life.

## **The Future of Mississippi**

The future of Mississippi is uncertain. The state is still struggling to overcome its troubled past, but there are signs of progress. The election of African American leaders, the passage of reforms aimed at improving race relations, and the work of activists and community leaders are all positive signs. However, there is still much work to be done to make Mississippi a more just and equitable state for all.

The people of Mississippi have a long and proud history of fighting for justice and equality. They have overcome tremendous obstacles, and they have made significant progress in recent years. The future of Mississippi is bright, but it is up to the people of the state to continue to work towards a more just and equitable society for all.

Mississippi has a long and complex history when it comes to race and politics. The state has made some progress in recent years, but there is still much work to be done. The people of Mississippi have a long and proud history of fighting for justice and equality, and they are determined to build a better future for their state.



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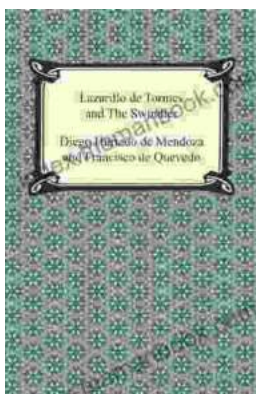
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