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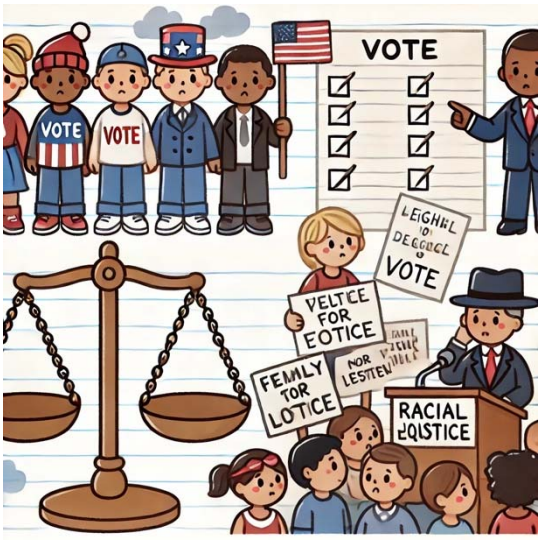

Still Fighting

The Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s led to major changes in the United States. New laws were passed to end segregation, protect voting rights, and ensure equality. However, the fight for racial justice did not end there. Today, the lessons of the Civil Rights Movement continue to shape discussions about racial equality and justice in the U.S.

Voting Rights and Fair Elections

One of the biggest victories of the Civil Rights Movement was the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which made it illegal to stop African Americans from voting. Even today, some people argue that new voting laws make it harder for certain groups to vote. Many civil rights activists continue to fight for fair elections and to make sure that everyone has the right to vote.

Equal Treatment in Schools and Jobs

The Civil Rights Movement helped make schools and workplaces more equal. Laws were passed to stop discrimination, but challenges still remain. Many people today work to make sure that all children get the same education, no matter where they live. In workplaces, companies focus on hiring people of different backgrounds and making sure everyone has equal opportunities.

Protests and Social Movements

The Civil Rights Movement inspired new movements for justice. Many people today protest against unfair treatment and work to change unfair laws. Peaceful marches, just like those led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., still happen today. Protesters use signs, speeches, and social media to share their messages.

Representation in Government and Leadership

In the past, African Americans were often left out of politics. Thanks to the Civil Rights Movement, more people of different races and backgrounds have been elected to local, state, and national government. The election of Barack Obama as the first African American president in 2008 was an important moment in U.S. history. Today, people continue to push for fair representation in leadership roles.

A Movement That Continues

The Civil Rights Movement changed history, but the fight for equality is not over. People today continue to stand up for fair laws, voting rights, and equal opportunities. The work of civil rights leaders reminds us that when people work together for justice, real change can happen.

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