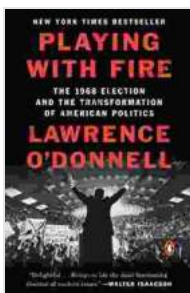


# The 1968 Election: A Pivotal Moment in American Political History

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## The Context of the 1968 Election

The 1960s were a time of great turmoil in the United States. The Vietnam War was raging, and there was widespread social unrest. The civil rights movement was gaining momentum, and there were protests against the war. The country was deeply divided, and the 1968 election was a reflection of that division.



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## The Candidates

There were three major candidates in the 1968 presidential election:

\* **Richard Nixon:** Nixon was the Republican candidate. He was a former vice president and a moderate conservative. \* **Hubert Humphrey:** Humphrey was the Democratic candidate. He was a liberal senator from Minnesota. \* **George Wallace:** Wallace was the third-party candidate. He was a former governor of Alabama and a conservative Democrat.

## The Campaign

The 1968 presidential campaign was one of the most negative and divisive in American history. Nixon and Humphrey both ran on platforms of law and Free Download, but their campaigns were very different. Nixon appealed to white voters who were concerned about crime and social unrest. Humphrey appealed to African Americans and other minority groups who were fighting for civil rights.

Wallace ran a populist campaign that appealed to white working-class voters who felt left behind by the changes of the 1960s. He promised to restore law and Free Download and to protect the rights of white Americans.

## The Election Results

Nixon won the election with 43.4% of the popular vote. Humphrey came in second with 42.7% of the vote, and Wallace came in third with 13.5% of the vote. Nixon also won 301 electoral votes, compared to Humphrey's 191 and Wallace's 46.

## The Impact of the 1968 Election

The 1968 election had a profound impact on the course of American politics. It marked the end of the New Deal era and the beginning of a new era of conservatism. It also led to a decline in trust in government and a rise in political polarization.

The 1968 election also had a significant impact on the civil rights movement. The election of Nixon, who was seen as a moderate on civil rights, led to a slowdown in the pace of progress. The election also led to a backlash against the civil rights movement, which contributed to the rise of white backlash politics.

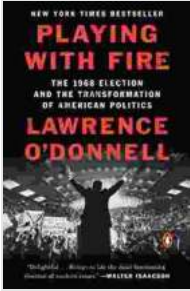
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The 1968 election is a reminder that democracy is a fragile thing. It is important to cherish our democratic institutions and to work to protect them. We must also remember that our country is at its best when we are united, and that we must work together to overcome our differences.

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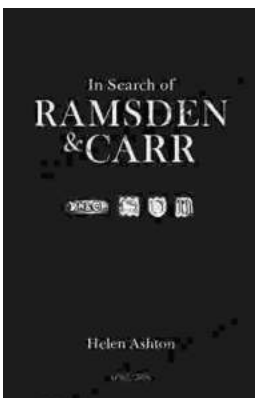


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