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## The Sixties in the United States - and why they still matter

The **1960s** were a time of struggle and **transformation** in the United States. Different social groups fought for their rights. African Americans protested against racial **discrimination** and a segregated world that kept blacks and whites apart. Women fought for **equality** kicking off the second wave of the **feminist** movement. Young



Americans worshipped **musicians** like Jimmy Hendrix or joined the **counterculture** in an attempt to protest against the lifestyles of their parents. Other groups like Hispanics, Native Americans, and gays and lesbians were inspired by these forms of **protest** and started their own **movements**. At the same time, the American economy went through years of unparalleled growth, producing a prosperous **consumer society** that made mass-produced goods available to increasing numbers of **Americans**.

Those who could not **participate** were the target of the War on Poverty. Americans did not only engage in domestic struggles but also fought **wars** abroad, for instance in **Vietnam** - a traumatic experience which continues to shape foreign policy discussions to the present day. The talk will look at select issues to help us understand why the 1960s still matter.

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