

**WE NEEDED MASS MOVEMENTS TO ACCOMPLISH  
MAJOR SOCIAL ADVANCEMENTS IN THE PAST.  
WE NEED ONE NOW.**

**The Civil Rights Movement**



The Civil Rights Movement made great strides in ending segregation in schools, other public facilities, and businesses.

The Voting Rights Act resulted from the movement. It was passed in August of 1965 and states that no person could be denied the right to vote on account of race or color and abolished literacy tests and poll taxes. As an example of the great advance in justice it created: In Mississippi, voter registration of the eligible black population increased from under 7 percent in 1965 to more than 70 percent in 1967.

**The Women's Movement**



As a result of women and men joining together over our history in mass movements these injustices have ended or been greatly alleviated.

- Women were not allowed to vote
- Women had no voice in the formation of laws they had to obey
- Married women had no property rights
- Divorce and child custody laws gave no rights to women
- Most occupations were closed to women and when women did work they were paid only a fraction of what men earned
- No college or university would accept women students

**If we join together we can end  
the systemically created injustices  
we are experiencing now.**