

1968 POLITICS RESOURCE GUIDE

The year 1968 was a concentration of all the political turbulences of the decade in one year. The civil rights movement saw its leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. assassinated and the Black Panther Party become a household name with Olympic athletes raising their fists in solidarity with the cause and its leaders embroiled in legal issues. The nascent National Organization of Women was giving steam to the women's



rights movement in protesting the Miss American pageant. The Vietnam War was running at full-pitch, with both the Tet Offensive and the My Lai massacre happening in 1968. At home, we witnessed one of the most turbulent presidential elections of the 20th century with the assassination of Democratic candidate Senator Robert F. Kennedy and the protests at the Chicago Democratic National Convention. Internationally, 1968 was a year of political protests, notably in France, Germany, and Mexico. The year still captures the fascination of scholars and laymen history buffs alike.

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- *Berkeley in the Sixties*
- *Chicago 1968*
- *Eyes on the Prize*
- *Two Days in October*
- *Citizen King*
- *American revolution 2*
- *RFK*
- *Viet Nam: A Television History*
- *The Cold War and Beyond*
- *What We Want, What We Believe: The Black Panther Party*

YouTube

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http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U_kOCitx9IE
- **Cronkite's Tet Offensive editorial (27 February 1968)**
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i214f5-w19w>
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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lmc2EzkRDkI>
- **RFK's speech in Indianapolis breaking news of MLK's assassination to a largely black audience**
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gigsZH5HIJA>
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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tUJZgkhSCq8>
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