



The Stonewall Riots: The History and Legacy of the Protests That Helped Spark the Modern Gay Rights Movement

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The Stonewall riots were a key moment for gay people.

Throughout modern history, gays had thought of themselves as something like a mental illness or maybe a sin or a crime.

Gay liberation allowed us to make the leap to being a minority group, which made life much easier. - Edmund White

In 1969, America was still undergoing plenty of social turmoil, much of it the result of sweeping changes made via the Civil Rights Movement and the Vietnam War, which helped spark the

counterculture. Protests were prominent across the country, and one of the movements galvanized during this time was on behalf of the LGBT community, who were often subjected to

discrimination in all facets of life. However, LGBT rights were naturally on the backburner for most Americans at the time, and it's safe to say few considered them until hearing about

the Stonewall riots that took place...



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