# **US SOCIAL JUSTICE MOVEMENTS**

**1925 - PRESENT** 

In order to build the world we want for ourselves and our communities, we must understand our history. We offer this timeline of US Social Justice Movements as a way for us to better understand where we have come from, so that we can better plan where we want to go. We also seek to demonstrate that no movement for justice in our country happens in isolation. We believe that no one is free while others are oppressed. Our various struggles for justice are intimately connected. To get better lives for folks with developmental disabilities, we must understand how this struggle is connected to all of the other struggles happening. When we find that common ground, there is space to create true and lasting change for us all.

#### 1935 - Social Security Act

**1935 - NYC Group League for the** Physically Handicapped protests against WPA: 2,000 jobs won 1935 - Congress of Industrial **Organizations (CIO) founded** 

1938 - Fair Labor Standards Act: Minimum Wage and 40 hour work (people with disabilities, prisoners, and restaurant workers exempted) 1940 - US enters WWII 1941-1945 - Japanese American citizens placed in internment camps

1942 – CORE (Congress on **Racial Equality) founded** 

1944 - Bretton Woods (IMF, World Bank) created

1940



1950'S - 1970'S **CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENTS** 

1971 - Nixon launches the War on Drugs Over 65,000 people have been forcibly sterilized under eugenics legislation in the US



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**1946 - Operation Dixie** 1948 - UN adopts Universal **Declaration of Human Rights** 

1956 - SSDI created 1957 - Monroe, NC - NAACP advocates armed self defense **1957 - Little Rock integration battle** 

**1930 - National unemployed** 

**1931 - Sharecroppers union** 

1934 - Southern textile strike

council formed

forms in AL

### 1960'S - 1970'S WOMEN'S MOVEMENT

1950 - McCarthyism begins, Red Scare 1950-1953 - Korean War 1954 - Brown v. Board of Education **1954 - Puerto Rico Independence** 

1965 - Vietnam war begins

1965 - Social Security amendments

1987 - ACT-UP forms

**1990'S - PRESENT** 

**GLOBAL MOVEMENTS** 

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**RACIAL JUSTICE MOVEMENT** 

**REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE MOVEMENT** 

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE MOVEMENT

create Medicaid and Medicare

**1969 - Stonewall Rebellion** 

1965 - Voting Rights Act

1990

Movement

1920'S-1950'S

LABOR MOVEMENT

1950 – Organization that will

become the Arc is formed

1950



1995

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1925 - Pullman strike

legitimizes forced sterilization

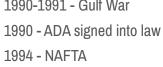
1929 - Stock market crash 1929 - 1949 - Great Depression

1927 - Buck v. Bell

(never overturned)

# **ANTI-WAR MOVEMENT LBGT MOVEMENT ENVIRONMENT MOVEMENT DISABILITY RIGHTS MOVEMENT**

1963 - March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom



1990-1991 - Gulf War





1970 - DD Act passes 1970 - First Earth Day 1973 - Roe v. Wade

1985

1970



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2010

1978 - ADAPT founded by Wade Blank

1975

1980 - Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act (CRIPA)

1980 - National Council on Independent Living founded

> 2010 - Arizona HB 1070 is signed into law 2013 - The Supreme Court overturns the federal Defense of Marriage Act 2013 - The Supreme Court overturns section 4b of the Voting Rights Act

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2009 - GCDD Launches Real Communities 2010 - Arab Uprisings begin 2011 - Occupy Movement **2011 - Wisconsin protests** 

ADAPT and allies advocate for passage of the Community Choice Act, Money Follows the Person, and home access



1995 - World Trade **Organization Created** GA falls from 7th to 48th in nation to fund DD/ID services 1996 - Welfare Reform/TANF **1998 - Economic Human Rights Campaign** 

1999 - Olmstead decision **1999 - Demonstrations shut** down Seattle WTO meeting



## 2001 - 9/11 & War on Terror

2001 - GA leads every state in number of people with DD/ID in nursing homes by 4 times the national average

US makes up 5% of the world's population and 25% of the world's prison population

2001 - The Patriot Act passed

2001 - First World Social Forum

2007 - US Social Forum in Atlanta

2000'S - PRESENT LBGTQ MOVEMENTS **DISABILITY JUSTICE MOVEMENT** 

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