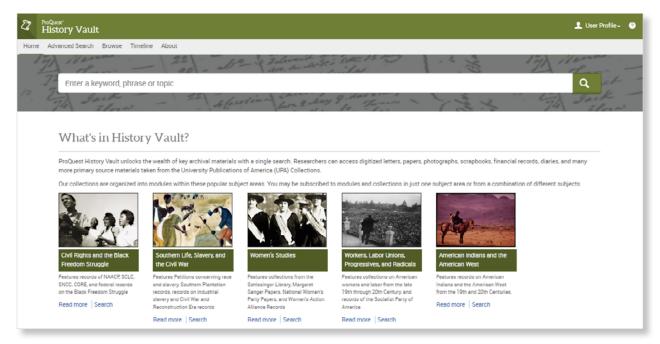


# **ProQuest History Vault**

## Explore Archival Primary Source Collections

**ProQuest History Vault** is a powerful award-winning database that provides researchers with access to a wealth of historical information. The database consists of primary source, manuscript and archival collections sourced from top archival institutions. ProQuest History Vault currently has over 22.6 million pages in 63 different modules. During 2023, ProQuest History Vault will grow to have 67 modules and over 23.8 million pages.

With unique materials, full-text search capabilities, and harmonized indexing, ProQuest History Vault provides researchers with an effortless way to uncover previously unexplored perspectives.



Screenshot of History Vault home page.









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## **Why ProQuest History Vault?**

Here are just a few reasons why ProQuest History Vault is a must-have tool for students, professors, and libraries:

- Fulfill research needs: ProQuest History Vault offers tremendous collections-building value for libraries and can meet immediate and long-term research needs for students, researchers, and professors.
- · Access unique documents: Find records not available in other primary source archives. History Vault collections detail both prominent and lesser-known figures and events, allowing for researchers to make new discoveries and find new topics
- Demonstrate proven success: History Vault has been used in general education and research seminar courses and cited in numerous theses, dissertations, and books, indicating its usefulness and reliability.
- · Uncover the unexpected: With harmonized vocabulary, detailed metadata, and full-text search capabilities, researchers can retrieve results across collections and increase their chances of making unexpected discoveries.
- · Save time and money: Access archival collections from over 100 institutions without the need to travel, making research easier and more efficient.
- Enable user-friendly access: With multiple access points including suggested searches, highlight documents, event searches, collection descriptions, durable URLs, and basic and advanced search, ProQuest History Vault is accessible to researchers at all levels, from novice undergraduates to graduate students and professors.



Leaflet showing photo and handwritten statement of Samuel Gompers, from American Federation of Labor Records: The Samuel Gompers Era, 1877-1937.

Here, Professor Evan Faulkenbury (Assistant Professor of History, SUNY Cortland and Ph.D. from University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill) highlights the impact of searching across collections for his dissertation and first book on the voter education project:

"Without ProQuest History Vault, my book on the VEP would have been incomplete. In total, I drew on six collections from within the ProQuest History Vault: the Claude A. Barnett Papers, the SCLC Papers, the NAACP Papers, the A. Philip Randolph Papers, the Bayard Rustin Papers, and the President's Committee on Civil Rights Files from the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library. These papers can be researched on-site at archives across the country, but I never would have been able to get to them all, much less find every instance where the VEP existed in their records.

One of its best features is the ability to search across the entire database. I would not have known to search for materials within the A. Philip Randolph Papers, for example, for Randolph was uninvolved in the VEP. And yet, through my keyword search, VEP-related materials popped up in his collection."

## A Message from the Founder of the Socialist Party

The Brakeman of Terre Haute The Prisoner of Woodstock and Atlanta ifty years loyal service in the Socialist



I am in it. While there is a c l am of it.

While there is a soul in prin I am not free."

## "I OPPOSE DICTATORSHIP"

I am opposed to dictatorship in every form; we are for freedom and equal rights. When we say that we for dictatorship, we give the capitalist press an opportunity to attack us. Phrases do not make a revolution.

The ballot of united labor expresses the people's will and the people's will is the supreme law of a free nation. Centuries of struggle were to wreat this symbol of freedom from the mailed clutch of tyranny and place it in the hand of labor as the shield and lance of attack and defense. The abuse and not the use of it is responsible for

Since the race was young, there have been class struggles. In every state of society, ancient and modern, labor has been exploited, degraded and in subjection.

Labor has always been the mudsill of the social fabric—is so now and will be until the class struggle ends in class extinction and free society.

Through all the centuries the enslaved toilers have moved slowly but surely toward their final freedom

THE WORKING CLASS MUST BE EMANCIPATED BY THE WORKING CLASS. CHILD LABOR MUST BE ABOLISHED BY THE WORKING CLASS. THE WORKING CLASS MUST BE EMPLOYED BY THE WORKING CLASS. THE FRUITS OF LABOR MUST BE ENJOYED BY THE WORKING CLASS. WAR, BLOODY WAR, MUST BE ENDOYED BY THE WORKING CLASS.

Flyer featuring Eugene V. Debs, from Socialist Party of America Records.

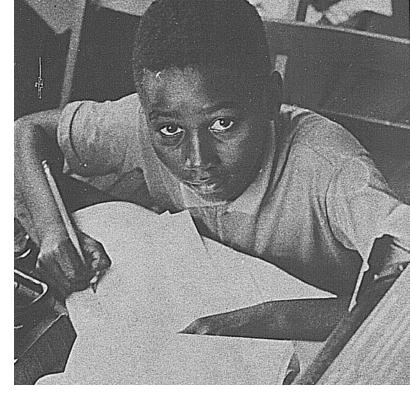
## What Topics Are Covered in ProQuest History Vault?

Within History Vault, documents span hundreds of years and a diverse range of subjects, so there are countless topics that can benefit from the cross-search and harmonized indexing. A student studying civil rights during the Truman presidency, for example, will be able to find numerous records within the Black Freedom Struggle and NAACP modules in History Vault, and they will also find relevant materials in the collections sourced by ProQuest from the Harry S Truman Library that are in the American Politics and Society category within History Vault. Similarly, students interested in the anti-Vietnam War movement will find valuable records across the Civil Rights and Black Freedom Movement category, the American Politics and Society category, the Workers, Labor Unions, and Radical Politics category, and the International Relations and Military Conflicts category.

History Vault modules are organized into 9 thematic categories: Civil Rights and Black Freedom Struggle; Southern Life, Slavery, and the Civil War; Women's History; Native American History; Revolutionary War and Early America; American Politics and Society; Workers, Labor Unions and Radical Politics; International Relations and Military Conflicts; and Latinx History.

One of the strengths of History Vault is its exceptional coverage of the Black Freedom Movement of the 20th century, with records of 4 of the most important civil rights organizations of the 1950s and 1960s (NAACP, SNCC, SCLC, and CORE) as well as records of other important organizations like the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs. But there is so much more in History Vault beyond these collections. Some of the amazing collections in History Vault include the following:

- National Woman's Party Records, the organization whose activist approach and aggressive campaign for the right to vote was unique among suffrage organizations – and its use of nonviolent protest methods arguably set important precedents for later social movements pressing for equal rights
- Socialist Party of America Records allow students to reconstruct the history of one of the century's most important revolutionary movements as well as Socialists' role in countless reform campaigns, such as equal rights for all men and women; women's suffrage; the abolition of child labor; the adoption of the initiative, referendum, and recall; greater support for education; the promotion of health and other social insurance measures; minimum wage scales; and the graduated income tax



Photograph of student in a Freedom School, from Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee Papers.

- Vietnam Veterans Against the War Records, a collection chronicling the efforts of first antiwar organization whose members served in the very war they were protesting
- Confidential U.S. State Department Central Files, 1960-1969, containing formerly classified documents from the U.S. State Department, one of the most important sources of American diplomatic reporting on political, military, social, and economic developments throughout the world. The History Vault collection of State Department files on the 1960s contains records from 39 countries and consists of just over 1,000,000 pages covering student demonstrations, political unrest, coups d'état, assassinations, political trials, meetings and visits of foreign leaders, economic and agricultural assistance, disputes over the use of international waters, international trade, and military conflicts during the turbulent 1960s around the world

"Such collections offer our students an unrivaled opportunity to engage with advanced historical research, conducting the same inquiries of the same materials that professional historians continue to use. Without ProQuest History Vault, I have no doubt that our students would struggle to produce such excellent work."

Joe Street, Associate Professor of Humanities,
 Northumbria University

The automatic cross-searching feature seamlessly draws from multiple collections to deliver results that go beyond the expected. These screenshots illustrate the value of this cross-search functionality and showcase the extensive variety of collections that could be relevant for a standard search.

A search on Robert M. La Follette, Wisconsin governor, U.S. Senator, and 1924 presidential candidate, retrieves results from the following collections:

#### Collections

Robert M. La Follette Papers From The Wisconsin Historical Society (2026)

National Woman's Party Papers (591)

NAACP Papers (364)

Americans For Democratic Action Records (307)

Socialist Party Of America Papers (170)

Women's Studies Manuscript Collections From The Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College (130)

State Labor Proceedings: AFL, CIO, And AFL-CIO

Conventions, 1885-1974 (127)

Richard T. Ely Papers (77)

John A. Ryan Papers, 1892-1945 (67)

Arthur W. Mitchell Papers (66)

Grassroots Women's Organizations: Women's Suffrage In Wisconsin, Part 2: The Papers Of Ada

Lois James, 1816-1952 (65)

Grassroots Women's Organizations: Women's Suffrage In Wisconsin, Part 1: Records Of The Wisconsin Woman Suffrage Association, 1892-

Native Americans Reference Collection (57) President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Office Files,

1933-1945 (57) American Federation Of Labor Records: The Samuel Gompers Era, 1877-1937 (53)

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### A search on discrimination in employment retrieves results from the following:

#### Collections

NAACP Papers (12107)

African American Police League Records (2315) Women's Action Alliance (1799)

Congress Of Racial Equality Papers (1760)

National Woman's Party Papers (1493)

Civil Rights During The Reagan Administration

State Labor Proceedings: AFL, CIO, And AFL-CIO

Conventions, 1885-1974 (1176)

Claude A. Barnett Papers (1083)

Reverend J. H. Jackson Papers (835)

Socialist Party Of America Papers (833)

Americans For Democratic Action Records (698) American Federation Of Labor Records, Part 1:

Strikes And Agreements File, 1898-1953 (675)

Records Of The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (630)

Civil Rights During The Kennedy Administration

Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee Papers, 1959-1972 (585)

#### 9 to 5 Office Workers Take On Business Giants

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#### A subject search on "child welfare" retrieves results from these collections:

#### Collections

NAACP Papers (7128)

Records Of The Children's Bureau, 1912-1969 (2142)

Women's Action Alliance (1926)

State Labor Proceedings: AFL, CIO, And AFL-CIO

Conventions, 1885-1974 (1821)

National Woman's Party Papers (1596)

Women's Studies Manuscript Collections From

The Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College (1465)

Reverend J. H. Jackson Papers (1359)

Socialist Party Of America Papers (1312) Claude A. Barnett Papers (1304)

Congress Of Racial Equality Papers (1264)

Sheldon Glueck Papers (843)

Americans For Democratic Action Records (832) John A. Ryan Papers, 1892-1945 (824)

Records Of The Bureau Of Indian Affairs, Central Classified Files, 1907-1939 (816)

Papers Of The League Of Women Voters (790)



Our services to them have not kept pace wi eds. If all our children are to have the ch velop into the kind of adults this new world must take action now. We must have m hools, playgrounds, and other facilities. We more and better teachers, doctors, nurses

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These examples demonstrate the capability of ProQuest History Vault in providing students and researchers with quick access to an extensive range of collections. The platform offers a convenient alternative to traveling to archives, making it possible for users to search across many more collections than they would be able to if visiting each archive individually. Additionally, the harmonized indexing and full-text search capabilities increase the likelihood of uncovering records that might not have been found through traditional methods, unlocking new discoveries, and adding depth and completeness to research projects.

In addition to a richer search experience, access to more content also makes other features of the product, such as the timeline, more robust. With access to additional modules, the timeline becomes more comprehensive, gaining more events and providing results from a broader range of collections for specific events.



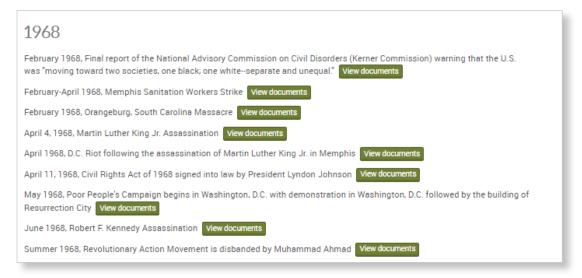
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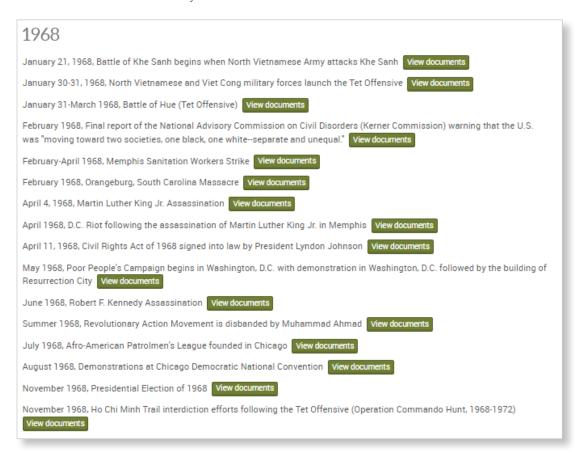
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Leaflet announcing speaking appearance by Margaret Sanger, from Margaret Sanger Papers.

Here is a view of the timeline for a user with only access to the Black Freedom Struggle and NAACP modules:



In contrast, a user with full access to all modules will see a more robust timeline with the inclusion of additional events such as the Battle of Khe Sanh and other significant moments in Vietnam, providing a clear picture of how major events in the United States and around the world occurred simultaneously.



In addition to seeing more events, researchers with access to more modules will be able to see more relevant results. As seen in the search results comparison screenshots, a search for the April 11 entry of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 yields 32 results without full access, but with full access, the same search returns 46 results, providing a more complete picture of the topic.



Photograph of SNCC Chairman Stokely Carmichael, from the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee Papers.



U.S. MARINES INVADE LAOS --- FEB. 1969
U.S. MERCENARY FORCES INVADE LAOS --- FEB. 1

#### DEWEY CANYON III

a full division of Vietnam veterans will begin a "lim duration 5 days), code-named "Dewey Canyon III". Durin, Il meet formally and informally with congressem, condes and military policy, call upon the Congress and Sup-Constitutional responsibilities to override Nixon's b as usual", until the government recognizes and respon s and awards will be returned in a formal ceremony to

OTON NOT BECAUSE WE WANT TO, BUT BECAUSE WE Ento to end the war. The Paris "Peace" Talks are a phony tion's "Free the POW's" campaign is just an excuse to presence in S.E. Asia. So we march. And we hereby serve of lowa farmers and hard hats, We Are Not ANATEURS! We tad, maimed in body and spirit. We will not be deterreagents, U.S. marshals, or our brothers still in the mand any decision to pit them against us will only swe

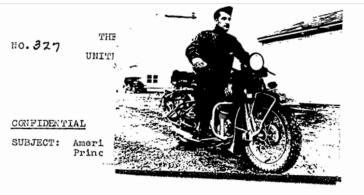
CTIVE DUTY GIS, NATIONAL GAURDSMEN, AND RESER pport of families and friends. We will have no "air co with ponchos, dry sox, and sleeping bags, Rations will combat ribbons, Jungle boots and gas masks optional but so of commendation, and your discharge papers (DD214).

Poster about Operation Dewey Canyon III, from Vietnam Veterans Against the War Records.

"I introduced the value of History Vault content when I taught the undergraduate course Tools and Database for World History and the postgraduate course Science of Historical Data in History of Modern International Relations. It is really easy to retrieve relevant primary sources for research from the History Vault; crosssearching among different modules at one time is really helpful. Having content organized into unique collections by era and subject also gives students and researchers' access to quantity and diversity within a specific area of study, helping them to gain a more thorough review of content in their fields. This enhances the quality of their research and helps them discover new insights into their disciplines."

> – Yao Bai-Hui, Professor of History, Capital Normal University, Beijing, China

History Vault has been widely recognized for its value to researchers, with its use being cited in over 60 dissertations and 39 books. This recognition is a testament to the powerful resources that History Vault provides, enabling researchers to uncover new information and deepen their understanding of historical events and movements. Here is a sampling of some of the books and dissertations that have cited History Vault in their footnotes:



THE HONORABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

WASHINGTON.

SIR:

Referring to my telegram No. 119 of oven date, I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of an American propaganda photograph entitled "Arabian Prince in U. S. Army", which was first brought to the attention of this office by

April 1942 memo from the American Consulate in Beirut, Lebanon, to the Secretary of State, from U.S. Diplomatic Post Records, 1914-1945.

#### Books:

- Anderson, Carol. Bourgeois Radicals: The NAACP and the Struggle for Colonial Liberation, 1941–1960 (2014)
- Bay, Mia. Traveling Black: A Story of Race and Resistance (2021)
- Benton-Cohen, Katherine. Inventing the Immigration Problem: The Dillingham Commission and Its Legacy (2018)
- Connolly, N. D. B. A World More Concrete: Real Estate and the Remaking of Jim Crow South Florida (2016)
- Felker-Kantor, Max, Policing Los Angeles: Race, Resistance, and the Rise of the LAPD. (2018)
- Seo, Sarah A. Policing the Open Road: How Cars Transformed American Freedom (2021)
- Snyder, Sarah B. From Selma to Moscow: How Human Rights Activists Transformed U.S. Foreign Policy (2018)
- Taylor, Keeanga-Yamahtta. Race for Profit: How Banks and the Real Estate Industry Undermined Black Homeownership (2019)
- Trauschweizer, Ingo. Maxwell Taylor's Cold War: From Berlin to Vietnam (2019)

#### **Dissertations:**

- Adams, Ashley F. "From a Marathon to a Victory": The Battle for Equal Education in North Carolina, 1920-1954. North Carolina Central University, 2019.
- Baker, James Spence. "The Sun Do Move" Lloyd Gaines and Lucile Bluford—Interconnected Histories of the NAACP's Campaign for Educational Equality. University of Kansas, 2015.
- Cave-LaCoste, Bristol. Living Openly and Notoriously: Sexually Nonconforming Immigrant Women Navigating Immigration Control, 1852-1920. University of California, 2021.
- Cheek, Kimberly M. The Language of Resistance: The Transnational Black American Press, Public Culture, and Public Discourse during the Second Italo-Ethiopian War, 1935–1941. The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, 2022.
- Forner, Karlyn Denae. If Selma Were Heaven: Economic Transformation and Black Freedom Struggles in the Alabama Black Belt, 1901 2000. Duke University, 2014.
- Lerner, Alix. Aging in bondage: Slavery, debility, and the problem of dependency in the antebellum South. Princeton University, 2017.
- Prasch, Allison M. Constituting the Cold War Commonplace: U.S. Presidential Public Address and the Inventional Possibilities of Speaking in situ. University of Minnesota, 2016.

- Stevens, Simon. Boycotts and Sanctions against South Africa: An International History, 1946-1970. Columbia University ProQuest Dissertations Publishing, 2016.
- Welborn, Ty. Lone Star Crusader: Antonio Maceo Smith and the Texas Civil Rights Movement. University of Houston, 2018.

Not only have numerous professors and graduate students utilized History Vault in their research pursuits, but the platform has also been employed in a range of educational settings in recent years. From general education courses to undergraduate research seminars and graduate courses, History Vault has been assigned by professors to students, with many of these instructors sharing positive feedback on the platform and their students' experiences using it. Here is what faculty are saying:

Professor Susie Woo, Associate Professor of American Studies at California State University, describing how her students reacted to using History Vault – Immigration: Records of the INS in her American Immigrant Cultures class:

"This database was a powerful way for students to see early immigration history through the actual documents and to see how people resisted even when they didn't have equal rights or citizenship. .... One student commented, 'I thought that I hated history until I did his project and it's kind of cool. I really felt like a historian, which was a new experience for me as I'm in computer science.' A lot of students were excited to see these old documents firsthand and described how neat it was to see them digitized in a way that captured everything, even the handwritten notes. They were blown away that they had access to these hundred-year-old documents."



Photograph of members of the NAACP Chicago Branch, from NAACP Papers: Branch Department, Branch Files and Youth Department Files.



Photograph of women's suffrage demonstration outside the White House, from National Woman's Party Papers.

Eric Arnesen, Professor of History, George Washington University, who has used History Vault for his research on the labor and civil rights leader A. Philip Randolph:

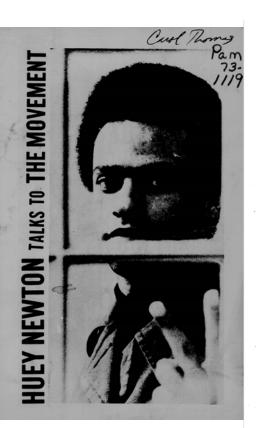
"How do the resources contained in History Vault, along with other ProQuest digital projects, inform a project like this? The short answer is simply that they are indispensable. The relevance of these resources to historians is undeniable and well established.

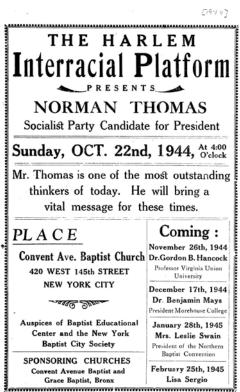
Crafting a specific topic, locating relevant documents, constructing a narrative, and framing an argument, of course, constitute the hard work students will have to undertake. The Black Freedom Struggle in the 20th Century's modules, NAACP Papers modules in History Vault, as well as other ProQuest sources, do not eliminate that necessary hard work. Rather, they provide students and their instructors with abundant resources on a wide range of subjects that allows them to concentrate on learning the historian's craft though independent research."

Caitlin Rosenthal, Assistant Professor of History at the University of California, Berkeley, utilized the database to support her research for her dissertation and later her book, Accounting for Slavery:

"Now large parts of that collection [Records of Antebellum Southern Plantations] are online at ProQuest History Vault and searching them helped me to turn up materials I would never have found otherwise. ... History Vault also helped me to look at more records more quickly and thus to get a sense of what was typical and what was exceptional." For more information on collections and possible uses of History Vault, please see the following items:

- History Vault full brochure:
   https://pq-static-content.proquest.com/collateral/media2/documents/brochure-historyvault.pdf
- Using ProQuest History Vault in Legal Studies:
   https://pq-static-content.proquest.com/collateral/media2/documents/brochure-historyvault-legalstudies.pdf
- History Vault: Southern Life, Slavery, and the Civil War: https://pq-static-content.proquest.com/collateral/media2/documents/southern-life-slavery-brochure.pdf
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... we seek the establishment of a democracy of individual participation governed by two central aims: that the individual share in those social decisions determining the quality and direction of his life; that society be organised to encourage independence in men and provide the media for their common participation . . .

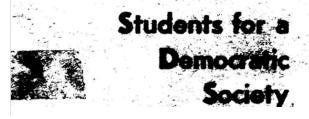


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Page 1 (left to right). Telegram from Confidential U.S. State Department Central Files, Congo, 1960-1963; Photograph of demonstration from Vietnam Veterans Against the War Records; Cover page of Women's Agenda magazine, from Women's Action Alliance Records; Photograph of immigration inspector, from Immigration: Records of the INS, 1880-1930.

Page 8 (left to right). Cover page of leaflet titled "Huey Newton Talks to the Movement," from Students for a Democratic Society Papers; Flyer announcing speaking appearance by Socialist Party Presidential candidate, Norman Thomas, from the Socialist Party of America Papers; Page from the Students for a Democratic Society's Port Huron Statement.

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