The Good Fight: Shirley Chisholm, the First Black Congresswoman

Shirley Chisholm was a pioneer for women and people of color. She was the first black woman elected to Congress, and she used her platform to fight for equality for all Americans.



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Chisholm was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1924. She grew up in a poor family, but she was determined to get an education. She attended Brooklyn College and Columbia University, and she earned a master's degree in social work.

After college, Chisholm worked as a social worker and a teacher. She also became involved in politics. In 1964, she was elected to the New York State Assembly. Four years later, she made history by becoming the first black woman elected to Congress.

Chisholm served in Congress for 12 years. During that time, she fought for civil rights, women's rights, and economic justice. She was a member of

the Congressional Black Caucus, and she co-founded the National Women's Political Caucus.

Chisholm's career was not without its challenges. She faced racism and sexism from both her colleagues and the public. But she never gave up fighting for what she believed in.

In 1972, Chisholm made another groundbreaking move when she became the first black woman to run for president of the United States. She did not win the nomination, but her campaign inspired millions of Americans.

Chisholm retired from Congress in 1982. She continued to work for social justice until her death in 2005.

Shirley Chisholm was a true pioneer. She broke down barriers and paved the way for women and people of color in politics. Her story is an inspiration to us all.

Legacy

Shirley Chisholm's legacy is one of fighting for equality and justice. She was a trailblazer for women and people of color, and she never gave up fighting for what she believed in.

Chisholm's work has had a lasting impact on the United States. She helped to pass the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which outlawed racial discrimination in voting. She also fought for women's rights, including the right to abortion and the right to equal pay.

Chisholm's legacy continues to inspire people today. She is a role model for anyone who has ever fought for equality. Her story shows us that anything

is possible if we never give up on our dreams.

The Good Fight

The Good Fight is a biography of Shirley Chisholm written by journalist and

author Emily Bernard. The book tells the story of Chisholm's life and career,

from her early days as a teacher and social worker to her groundbreaking

election to Congress in 1968.

The Good Fight is a well-written and inspiring book. Bernard does an

excellent job of capturing Chisholm's personality and her passion for

justice. The book is a must-read for anyone interested in women's history,

civil rights history, or American history.

Call to Action

Shirley Chisholm's legacy is one that we should all strive to uphold. We

must never give up fighting for equality and justice. We must all do our part

to make the world a better place.

You can help keep Chisholm's legacy alive by:

* Voting in every election * Supporting organizations that fight for equality *

Speaking out against racism and sexism * Mentoring young people *

Running for office yourself

Together, we can make the world a more just and equitable place for all.

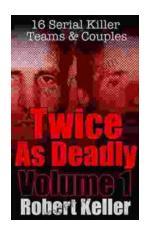
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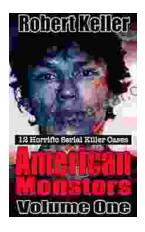






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