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The History of Race and the Supreme Court

The Supreme Court has played a central role in shaping the legal landscape of race in America. From the Dred Scott decision of 1857, which ruled that African Americans were not citizens and could not sue in federal court, to the Plessy v. Ferguson decision of 1896, which upheld the doctrine of "separate but equal," the Court has repeatedly ruled in ways that have sanctioned and perpetuated racial inequality.

However, the Court has also issued landmark decisions that have advanced the cause of racial justice. In Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka (1954),the Court ruled that racial segregation in public schools was unconstitutional. In Loving v. Virginia (1967),the Court struck down laws prohibiting interracial marriage. And in Obergefell v. Hodges (2015),the Court ruled that same-sex couples have the right to marry.

The Legacy of Race and the Supreme Court

The legacy of race and the Supreme Court is complex and contradictory. On the one hand, the Court has been a force for racial progress, striking down laws that have discriminated against African Americans and other minorities. On the other hand, the Court has also upheld laws that have perpetuated racial inequality, such as the death penalty and mass incarceration.

The future of race and the Supreme Court is uncertain. The Court is currently dominated by conservative justices who are likely to roll back many of the gains that have been made in racial justice in recent decades. However, the Court is also a reflection of the changing demographics of the United States, and it is possible that future justices will be more receptive to the claims of racial justice.

Justice Deferred: Race and the Supreme Court is a timely and important book that sheds light on the complex relationship between race and the law in America. This book is essential reading for anyone who wants to understand the history of racial inequality in the United States and the role that the Supreme Court has played in shaping that history.



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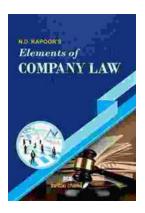




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