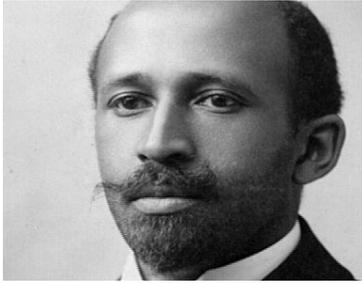


Who was W.E.B. Du Bois?



Du Bois was a Harvard graduate, he was also a writer and activist for Black liberation. He wrote books and articles on the unfair treatment and racial injustice of African American people.

He was a editor for the magazine *"The Crisis"* of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Du Bois with his position of editor of *The Crisis* and role in the NAACP, he rallied against racism and against lynchings of African Americans. Du Bois and the NAACP pushed to make lynchings illegal, and even tried to get the movie *"Birth of a Nation"* banned due to the racist portrayal of Blacks as lustful and brutish.

In the 1950's he started sympathizing with communism after many of his colleagues, particularly in the NAACP, did not support him in his trial in 1951, whereas working class Whites and Blacks did.

In 1953 he wrote a eulogy characterizing Stalin as *"simple, calm, and courageous"*, and lauding him for being the *"First to set Russia on the road to conquer race prejudice and make one nation out of its 140 groups without destroying their individuality"*

In 1961, when Du Bois was 93, he was enraged by the U.S. upholding a McCarthy policy that demanded all communists be put on a registry list. So to demonstrate his outrage he joined the communist party.

"Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called communists. Is that condemnation for the peace makers or praise for the communists."

-Color and Democracy, Colonies and Peace, by W.E.B. Du Bois

"I believe in communism. I mean by communism, a planned way of life in the production of wealth and work designed for building a state whose object is the highest welfare of its people and not merely the profit of a part."

-W.E.B. Du Bois

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