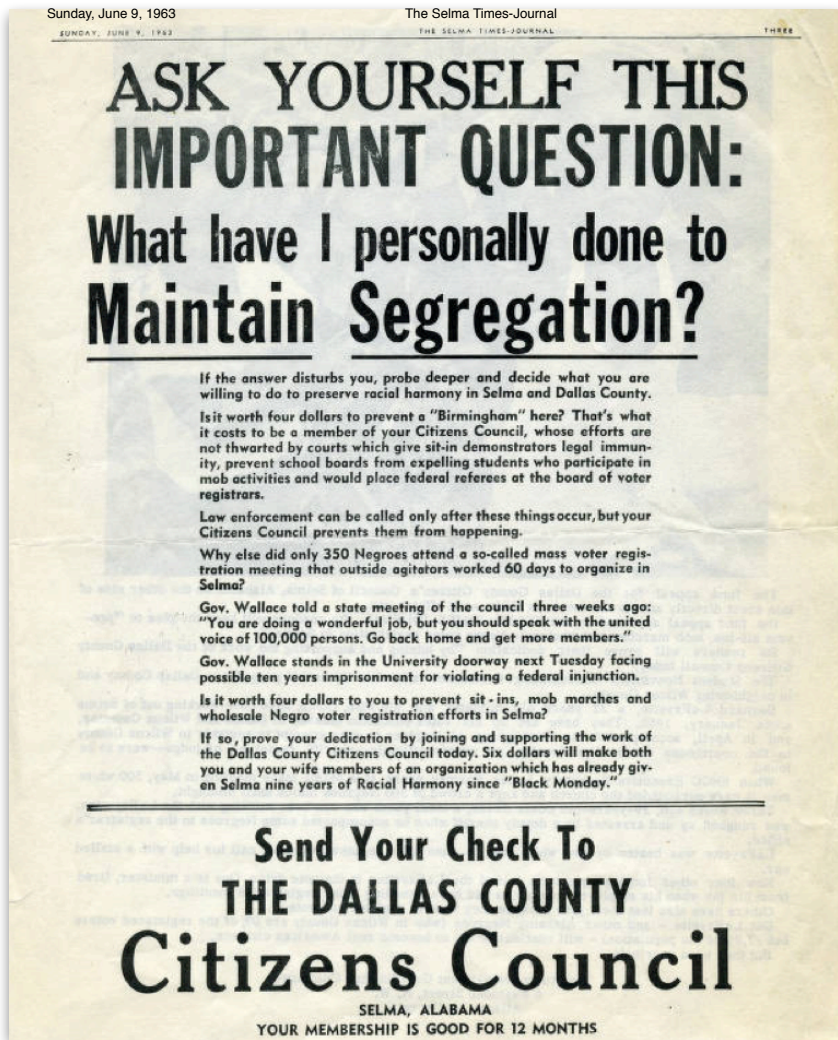


THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

Freedom Summer Two Points of View



The document on the left is from the Citizens' Council in Selma, Alabama. Citizens' Councils were a sort of Chamber of Commerce, formed by business leaders all across the South to oppose integration through marketing campaigns and direct actions. At the local level, members worked together to shape public opinion and punish black residents who supported civil rights by firing them from jobs, foreclosing on their mortgages, etc. Read the document to the left and answer the following questions.

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2. What kind of document is it? (book, letter, advertisement, article, leaflet, etc.) _____

3. When and where was it made? _____

4. Who created the document? _____

5. Who did they make it for (audience)? _____

6. What is its main point? What is it trying to say? _____

7. What is the author's basic beliefs? _____

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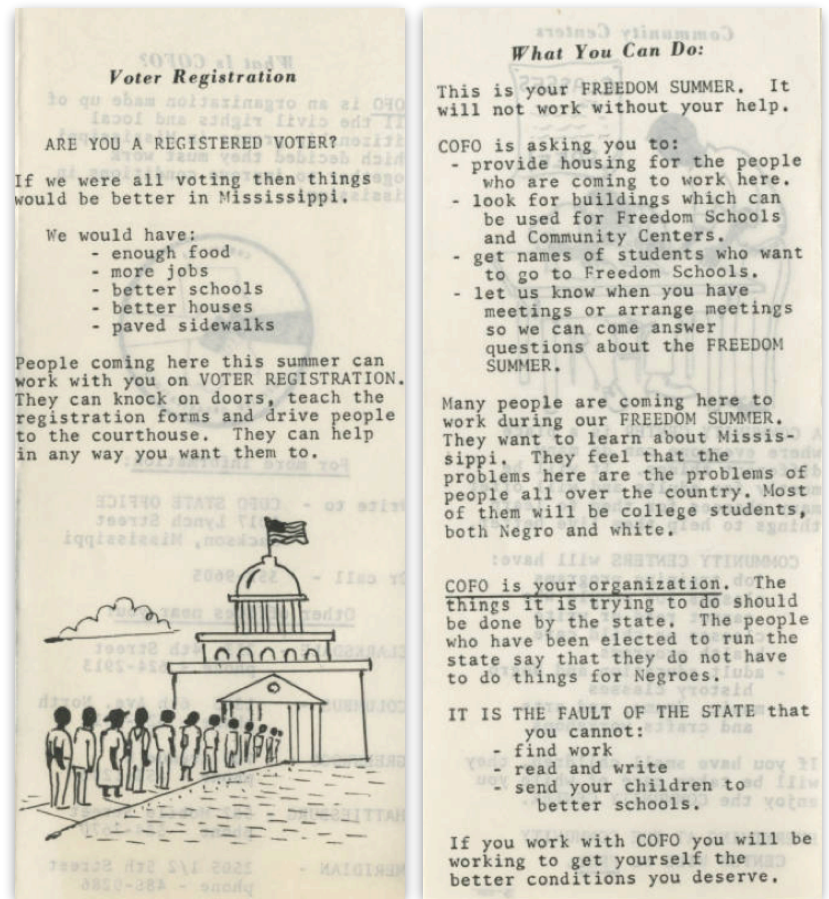
8. What does the author think is the biggest threat or obstacle? _____

9. Given what you know about the Civil Rights movement, how successful was the Dallas County citizens Council? _____

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These documents are two pages from a spring 1964 brochure urging black Mississippians to support the Freedom Summer volunteers who would be entering their communities soon. It was prepared by COFO (Council of Federated Organizations), a coalition of the major civil rights organizations in Mississippi and the sponsor of Freedom Summer.



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9. Given what you know about the reluctance of African Americans in the South and their unwillingness to vote, do you think this pamphlet was convincing enough? Why or why not? _____

10. What legislation finally gave the Federal Government power to register voters where locals in the south prevented African Americans from voting? _____
