

THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

Freedom Summer Two Points of View



The document on the left is from the Citizens' Council in Selma, Ala. 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 below and answer the following questions.

1. Write the document's title, or make one up that describes it. _____

Ask yourself this important Question

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

Newspaper Ad

3. When and where was it made? _____

June 9, 1963 - Selma

4. Who created the document? _____

Dallas County Citizens Council

5. Who did they make it for (audience)? **White men from Selma - "six dollars will make both you and your wife members"**

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

Join the Citizens Council - to keep segregation

7. What is the author's basic beliefs? **that racial harmony comes from segregation - or all whites believe that racial segregation is needed.**

(Hint) What does the author think is good and bad, desirable or undesirable? What does the author think is ideal or best?

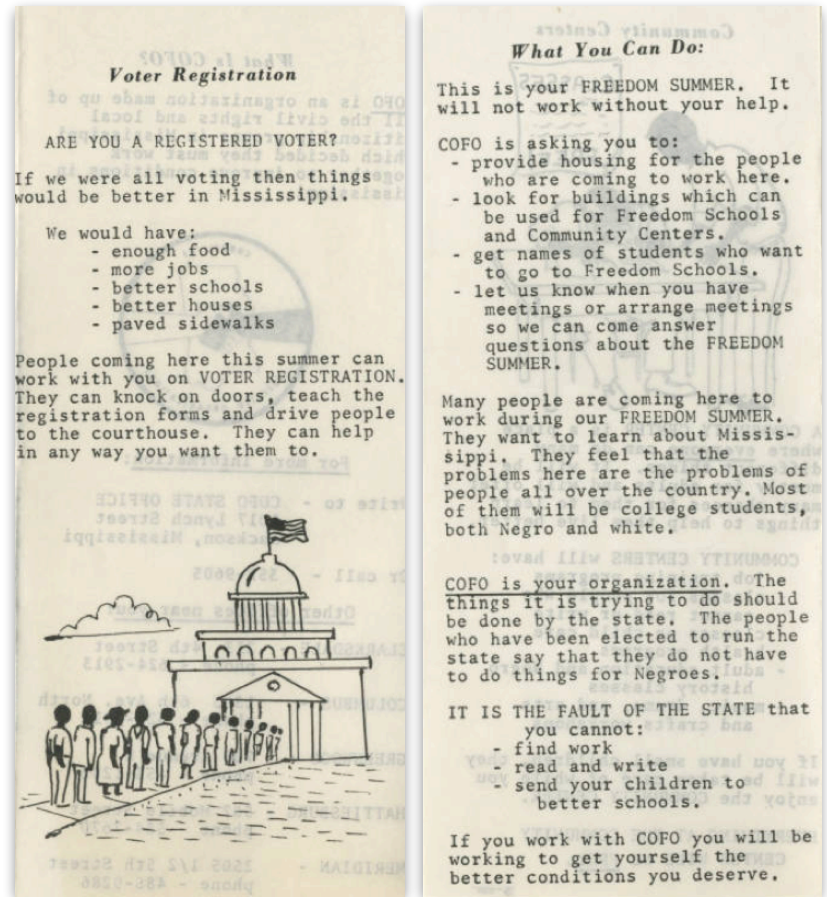
8. What does the author think is the biggest threat or obstacle? **Civil rights protesters moving to Selma - in order to desegregate the city**

9. Given what you know about the Civil Rights movement, how successful was the Dallas County citizens Council? **It was not. All of the South was eventually desegregated.**

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These documents are two pages from a spring 1964 brochure in Mississippi during the Freedom Summer. Volunteers would be entering 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.



1. Write the document's title, or make one up that describes it. **Answers will vary - Voter Registration, What you can do -**

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

3. When and where was it made?
1964

4. Who created the document?
COFO - Council of Federated Organizations

5. Who did they make it for (audience)? **African Americans in the South - African Americans in the South who are not registered to vote**

6. What is its main point? What is it trying to say (in your own words)? **Ultimate point is to register voters. Also, to convince African Americans to get involved with the COFO**

7. What is the author's basic beliefs?
That voting will change the lives of southern African Americans for the better
(Hint) What does the author think is good and bad, desirable or undesirable? What does the author think is ideal or best?

8. What does the author think is the biggest threat or obstacle? Explain **The State. - "IT IS THE FAULT OF THE STATE that you cannot: find work, read and write, send your children to better schools"**

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?
Answers will vary

10. What legislation finally gave the Federal Government power to register voters where locals in the south prevented African Americans from voting? **Voting Rights Act of 1965**
