

# The Great Society: Bringing Social Classes Together

## Primary Sources

### Transcripts

Lyndon B. Johnson, *Annual Message to the Congress on the State of the Union*. Online by Gerhard Peters and John T. Woolley (UC Barbara), Retrieved from: The American Presidency Project

<https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/documents/annual-message-the-congress-the-state-the-union-25>

Accessed 27 March 2022

This source is about Lyndon B. Johnson delivering a message to the Congress about sessions that Needed to be addressed in America during the time period. President Johnson took that time to Give a statement about what areas needed to be improved and how to do so. We used this site To help prove the effects of the Great Society.

Lyndon B. Johnson, *Remarks Upon Signing the Economic Opportunity Act*. Online by Gerhard Peters and John T. Woolley (UC Barbara), Retrieved from: The American Presidency Project

<https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/documents/remarks-upon-signing-the-economic-opportunity-act>

Accessed 27 March 2022

The website talks about what Lyndon B. Johnson said during his signing of the Economic Opportunity Act. We used this in our site for the Poverty tab because it gave aspects to the Economic state of America during that time and how President Johnson wanted to fix it.

Lyndon B. Johnson, *Statement by the President Announcing the Calling of a White House Conference on Education*. Online by Gerhard Peters and John T. Woolley (UC Barbara), The American Presidency Project <https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/node/241359>

Accessed 24 February 2022

This website basically documented President Lyndon's speech on June 1, 1965 about how we should strive towards improving public education and why it matters. This was a great source as it is a direct message from the leader of the Great Society. From this, I pulled a quote to put in our Education tab.

## Speeches

LBJ's University of Michigan speech, 5-22-64

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=1&v=x4Qc1VM80aQ&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=x4Qc1VM80aQ&feature=emb_logo)

Accessed March 27, 2022

This is the documented speech that President Johnson gave about the Great Society and his plans to start it. This speech also encourages the citizens to agree with him and take action along with him. This is an incredible source due to the fact that this speech started it all, and we used this information to gain knowledge about what the implementation would do.

WBS-TV newsfilm clip of President Lyndon Johnson's speech on racial equality on Memorial Day in Gettysburg, PA., 5-30-1963, Retrieved from the Digital Library of Georgia

<http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/news/id:wsbn40674>

Accessed March 27, 2022

This is a speech by Lyndon B Johnson regarding striving for racial equality, and relating it to the Battle of Gettysburg as he was standing on that ground. He talks about how all dead soldiers there unite as one, no matter what race they are. This is a great source that talks about Johnson's view on discrimination as well as his motivators for reducing it.

## Photos

Ceremony for National Head Start Day, 06/30/1965, Retrieved from LBJ Presidential Library

<https://i.pinimg.com/originals/9f/cc/f4/9fccf4cab453c1b87649600e58b9ed64.jpg>

Accessed February 23, 2022

This photo celebrated the beginning of the program, Project Head Start. This was an important event for lower-class students. We've used this photo for our Thesis page as well as talking more about this program in our Education page.

Photograph of Lyndon Johnson signing the Civil Rights Act, 07-02-1964, Retrieved from University of Missouri-Kansas City Digital Special Collections.

<https://dl.mospace.umsystem.edu/umkc/islandora/object/umkc:8850>

Accessed February 23, 2022

This photo was taken on the day Lyndon B Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act, which prohibited discrimination of race, color, religion, and gender. This was a huge step in the Great Society and is what makes us think of each other as equal in today's world. Because of how significant it was, the picture was put on the home screen.

Vietnam War President Johnson, 1966-10-26, Berkshire Eagles

[www.berkshireeagle.com/lyndon-b-johnson/image\\_8e82c710-1623-11eb-aba7-b7af9163f5f0.html](http://www.berkshireeagle.com/lyndon-b-johnson/image_8e82c710-1623-11eb-aba7-b7af9163f5f0.html)

Accessed February 24, 2022

This photo was used on our Short Term Impact Page, where we talk about the effect of the Vietnam War on the Great Society.

War erodes the Great Society: 1965

[https://www.flickr.com/photos/washington\\_area\\_spark/19543803329](https://www.flickr.com/photos/washington_area_spark/19543803329)

Accessed February 24, 2022

This photo was used on our Short Term Impacts Page, portraying the protests and riots during the time of the Vietnam War.

## Documents

1969 report reviewing the health programs that had been established as part of the War on Poverty, Retrieved from Digital Public Library of America

<https://dp.la/primary-source-sets/lyndon-johnson-s-great-society/sources/1554>

Accessed March 27, 2022

This document talks about evaluating the effectiveness of acts specifically in regards to The acts on poverty. We used this for our tab on Poverty as it helped us understand the Effectiveness of President Johnson's goals.

Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965, Retrieved from United States House of Representatives Archives

<https://history.house.gov/Historical-Highlights/1951-2000/Immigration-and-Nationality-Act-of-1965/>

Accessed February 25, 2022

This is the bill that allowed the same number of visas to every nation. This was an important step in the Great Society as it was the time where the Asian and Latin American population skyrocketed.

## Political Cartoons

The Great Society: Jerry Doyle, 1960-1975, Retrieved from PennState University Library

<https://digital.libraries.psu.edu/digital/collection/jdp/id/2006>

Accessed February 24, 2022

This is a political cartoon that basically just summarized what the main changes in the Great Society were. It included medicare, public works, rural areas, and civil rights enforcement. Lyndon B Johnson, shown in the cartoon, was looking at which demands were of the utmost importance as we can see the budget paper lying on his desk.

*The Quiet Crisis*: Tom Englehardt, 1984-01-09, Retrieved from State Historical Society of Missouri

<https://cdm17228.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/ec/id/20911>

Accessed February 24, 2022

This is a political cartoon that portrays Lyndon Johnson holding a shovel, facing a tree. While its roots depict poverty, the lush green leaves represent the Affluent Society. This basically shows how even though the upper class are often recognized more because they're at the top, the lower

class need to be helped and President Johnson is doing it by digging them out of poverty. I added this in Historical Context because it related to a book I talked about that pushed for change.

## Books

Carson, Rachel, *Silent Springs*. Houghton Mifflin, 1962. Print

Accessed February 24, 2022

This book basically gave an overview on the effect of pesticides, and how they weren't good for the environment. I used a quote from this in our Environment tab, and also broadened my knowledge about pesticides and how harmful it is, not only to the environment, but also humans.

Galbrath, John K, *The Affluent Society*, Mariner Books, 1958. Print

Accessed February 21, 2022

This source was used to contextualize our topic, bringing awareness to a solution that may work and reduce poverty. There were shocking numbers in there, such as how  $\frac{1}{5}$  of our population was below the poverty line. All this information was put into the Historical Context tab as well as quoted.

Harrington, Michael, *The Other America*, Scribner, 1962. Print

Accessed February 23, 2022

This source was used for us to further induce our knowledge about what led to the Great Society. This was originally a part of our website, but is now used as a quotation instead of a section by itself.

Zeitz, Joshua N, *Building the Great Society: Inside Lyndon Johnson's White House*. Penguin Publishing Group, 2018. Print

Accessed February 21, 2022

This is a first-hand account of what Zeitz, who used to work under President Johnson, saw. I found this very interesting and got to learn more about what was happening inside the White

House during this reform. I've used the title photo of this work on the Event Overview Tab but used the knowledge I learned throughout the whole website process.

## Secondary Sources

### Articles

A Short Story of Snap, 09/11/2018, Retrieved from the US Department of Agriculture

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/short-history-snap>

Accessed February 24, 2022

This gave us information about the Food Stamp Act, and what happened onwards. This contributed to our ideas in the Poverty tab as well as brought awareness to how much the US has changed since then.

EPA History: Water - The Challenge of the Environment: A Primer on EPA's Statutory Authority, October 4, 2016, Retrieved from the US Environmental Protection Agency

<https://archive.epa.gov/epa/aboutepa/epa-history-water-challenge-environment-primer-epas-statutory-authority.html#:~:text=The%20federal%20role%20was%20further,for%20interstate%20water%20quality%20standards>

Accessed March 27, 2022

The website talks about the environment and acts taken during the time of The Great Society. We used this for our environment tab to talk more about the impact of the Great Society.

Great Society, August 28, 2018, Retrieved from HISTORY

<https://www.history.com/topics/1960s/great-society>

Accessed March 27, 2022

This site gives details on The Great Society as a whole and what it did for America. We used this Source throughout our website to help give evidence to different tabs and aspects.

Head Start History, May 4, 2021, Retrieved from Office of Head Start

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ohs/about/history-head-start>

Accessed February 24, 2022

This is the history of Project Head Start, which was an education program for lower class preschoolers. We used this information in the education tab when talking more about the program.

This is interesting because this program is still going on today and the website talks about what happens in today's world.

Law & Policy, May 24, 2021, Retrieved from National Park Services

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/wilderness/law-and-policy.htm#:~:text=The%20Wilderness%20Act%20of%201964,Service%2C%20and%20US%20Forest%20Service.>

Accessed February 24, 2022

This basically talks about how the environment is doing today and what policies were put in. You can really compare between today's policies and the policies Lyndon put in, as even though they have the same ideas, there's different ways of implementing them.

LBJ'S BIGGEST HOUSING PROGRAM THAT NO ONE REMEMBERS, October 8, 2014, Retrieved from Harvard Education

<https://www.jchs.harvard.edu/blog/lbjs-biggest-housing-program-that-no-one-remembers>

Accessed March 27, 2022

This site talked about how housing helped the Great Society. We used this to find more information about the certain act that Lyndon B Johnson took initiative on.

PRE- EPA: US ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS BEFORE 1970, James Griffin, 11-08-2016, Retrieved From Lion News

[www.lion.com/Lion-News/November-2016/Pre-EPA-US-Environmental-Laws-Before-1970](http://www.lion.com/Lion-News/November-2016/Pre-EPA-US-Environmental-Laws-Before-1970)

Accessed March 27, 2022

These are all bills and laws that were passed before the 1970s, including many laws that President Johnson passed. We used this to gather more information for our environment tab as well as citing an image from this website.

The 1964 Wilderness Act, from “wilderness idea” to governmental oversight and protection of wilderness, 2020, Natalie Massip

<https://journals.openedition.org/miranda/26787>

Accessed March 27, 2022

This was a journal/study sort of writing that goes in depth about the 1964 Wilderness Act implemented by Lyndon B Johnson. We used a lot of this information to reference what we were writing in our Environment tab as well as using one of the images in our website.

## Books

Amity Shlaes, *Great Society: A New History*, Harper, 2019. Print

<https://www.amazon.com/Great-Society-History-1960s-America/dp/0061706426>

Accessed March 23, 2022

This book criticizes Johnson’s initiatives and ideas, talking about the huge cost and how improbable it was that he would be able to fix every problem he intended to. We have read excerpts from that book in order to help us further understand the different perspectives and their reasons.

Kay Coles James, *The Not-So-Great-Society*, The Heritage Foundation, 2019. Print.

<https://www.amazon.com/Not-So-Great-Society-Lindsey-Jonathan-Butcher/dp/B0846H2815>

Accessed March 21, 2022

This book gives us a list of negative impacts due to the happening of the Great Society. Not only does this give valid reasoning, it also gives multitudes of data to back it up. This is actually very useful when talking about the various opinions of the citizens, and we took a lot of this stuff into account when making the Multiple Perspectives Tab.

Lyndon Johnson's "Great Society", Retrieved from U.S. History Online Textbook

<https://www.ushistory.org/us/56e.asp>

Accessed March 27, 2022



This site gives a summary about the different programs and acts worked on during the Great Society. We used this site to help give us background to the different areas of The Great Society.

## Videos

LBJ Documentary "The Great Society", 03-19-2012

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rDeBd1j7sCM>

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This video provides many archived interviews and films wrapped together to tell the story of what happened during this time period. This was used to gain more knowledge about the matter and improve our website.

The Failure of LBJ's Great Society and What It Means for the 21st Century, 01-16-20

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0TLezYG\\_5kY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0TLezYG_5kY)

Accessed March 27, 2022

This is an interview of Amity Shlaes, who wrote *Great Society: A New History*. She talks about how The Great Society was a total failure as well as how it impacts today's world negatively. This gives us different points of view of this event and further expands our knowledge.