

# Electing Nixon In 1968: Channeling Dissent And Dividing Government

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## **The Candidates**

Richard Nixon was born in 1913 in Yorba Linda, California. He graduated from Duke University Law School and served in the US Navy during World War II. After the war, he served as a Republican congressman and senator from California.

Hubert Humphrey was born in 1911 in Wallace, South Dakota. He graduated from the University of Minnesota and served as a Democratic congressman and senator from Minnesota. He was also the Democratic vice president under Lyndon B. Johnson.

## **The Issues**

The 1968 presidential election was fought on a number of issues, including the Vietnam War, social unrest, and the economy.

The Vietnam War was the most important issue in the election. Nixon promised to end the war, while Humphrey promised to continue fighting until the United States achieved victory.

Social unrest was also a major issue in the election. The country was deeply divided over the Vietnam War, and there were widespread protests and riots. Nixon promised to restore law and Free Download, while Humphrey promised to address the root causes of social unrest.

The economy was also an important issue in the election. The United States was in a recession, and there was widespread unemployment. Nixon promised to create jobs and stimulate the economy, while Humphrey promised to continue the policies of the Johnson administration.

## **The Campaign**

The 1968 presidential campaign was one of the most negative in American history. Both Nixon and Humphrey attacked each other's character and policies. Nixon accused Humphrey of being a warmonger, while Humphrey accused Nixon of being a racist.

The campaign was also marked by violence. Nixon's supporters were attacked at rallies, and Humphrey's supporters were attacked at anti-war protests.

## **The Results**

Nixon defeated Humphrey by a narrow margin. He won 301 electoral votes to Humphrey's 191. Humphrey won the popular vote by a margin of 1.1 million votes.

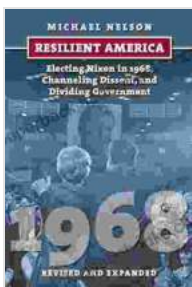
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