An Intellectual History of Post-WWII Black Freedom Struggle

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Viewed from one vantage point, the post-World War II African American Freedom Struggle was a single movement that united all classes and strata of the black population by coalescing around the attainment of democratic rights and equal citizenship. However, broad agreement over such ideas masked sharp differences in the movement over fundamental goals. With a special emphasis on these ideological clashes in the post-war decades, this lecture focuses on the emergence of, as well as the intra-movement struggles over the directions of, a many-sided African American freedom struggle.

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