



What Really Happened to the 1960s: How Mass Media Culture Failed American Democracy

By Edward P. Morgan

University Press of Kansas. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, What Really Happened to the 1960s: How Mass Media Culture Failed American Democracy, Edward P. Morgan, Wherever we turn these days, we encounter reminders of the sixties. They're invoked in presidential campaigns, American military actions, and outbursts of mass protest. We're bombarded with media-saturated anniversaries of iconic events, from JFK's inauguration (and assassination) to urban riots and Woodstock. But as Edward Morgan suggests, these references offer little more than an endless stream of distracting imagery that has more to do with today's politics and economics than with the reality of yesterday's social movements. In his provocative look at mass media's connection with those turbulent years, Morgan simultaneously seeks to explain what happened in the 1960s and what happened to how we remember it. His comprehensive overview and critical analysis reveal how the mass media have shaped the popular image of a raucous decade in ways that have curtailed its promise of democracy. Morgan's in-depth study of sixties social movements and their depictions in corporate America's print media, film, and television helps to explain why the past still provokes deep emotions even antagonism half a century later. He blends history, sociology,...

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The Media is Hurting Democracy -- for Many Years Now. By: Richard Quadrino. In an iconic and foretelling appearance on a former CNN show called "Crossfire", Jon Stewart told the two hosts (link) on the show that their show and the mainstream media was "ruining the country". I believe where the mass media went wrong last year is that they weren't nearly subtle enough while campaigning for Hillary Clinton - and the people saw right through it, therefore it backfired on them! The people just want the facts from the media, so when the media is obviously biased towards one side or the other then the people get pissed off and react by rebelling! They rebel by doing the exact opposite of what the media is blatantly trying to influence upon them! Drawing upon historical and media studies, theories of capitalism and democracy, and in-depth study of the era's social movements, Morgan provides an extremely comprehensive and penetrating analysis of the events and aftermath of the 1960s. Subject Headings. Left History. Media Coverage. Sixties. Insert T_CxShareButtonsHorizontal.html here. Insert T_CxShareButtonsVertical.html here. The "mass media culture" that Morgan analyzes is something that has been created by commercial institutions that have ignored or obscured controversial voices in the process of seeking as wide an audience as possible, and they have, in doing this, shaped the "legitimate discourse for public consumption" (11) and marginalized many substantive elements of 1960s activism. happens to rate highly. His remark that "incorrect diagnosis of the origin of morality" is only "one of many means" toward "critique of moral values" might be thought to relativize the importance of genealogy in something like this spirit, as do some passages in the notebooks (WP, 254, 257; KGW VII.3.34.69).