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Grey House Publishing announces the second edition of *Working Americans, 1880-2016, Vol. VII: Social Movements*

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“...Fighting for change is the American way...The right to protest is one of the distinguishing factors that sets this country apart from many others around the world...As issues are resolved, there are dozens more waiting for their champion[s]. This is America.”
(*Working Americans, 1880-2016, Vol. VII: Social Movements*. Scott Derks, Ed. p. viii)

Earlier volumes in the series explore American life throughout history by presenting history-based examples of families and individuals from different time periods. *Working Americans, 1880-2016, Vol. VII: Social Movements* follows the same format, but focuses on Americans, from all walks of life, who were social advocates for something they believed in—for themselves, their family, the human race. Since the first edition in 2010, several additional significant social issues have captured America’s attention; most notably the Black Lives Matter movement and the LGBTQ rights movement.

This second edition of *Working Americans: Social Movements* includes 12 chapters, most of them comprising one decade. Chapters present individual **Profiles** that highlight the subject’s work, home and community, followed by historical and economic information of the time. **Historical Snapshots** chronicle major milestones; **Timelines** pinpoint the progress of the social issue profiled; and a variety of **Primary Documents** put the topic in context. These common elements, as well as specialized data, such as **Selected Prices**, punctuate each chapter and act as statistical comparisons between decades, as well as between Americans of different socioeconomic backgrounds. The 38 men and women profiled in this volume represent a wide range of ages, social backgrounds, ethnicities, and professions. All of these features help to create a vivid picture for the reader of what life was like during each time period, as well as providing a sense of why and how individuals during that time felt in order to take action.

The social issues in this work are not all social movements in the strictest sense of the words. They are, however, all stories of social improvements caused by those willing to take a stand. From trying to contain the flu epidemic in 1919, to the fight to make America alcohol free in 1937, to the

struggle against the conservation of the Spotted White Owl in 1986, this volume covers 38 topics, from Censorship to Religion to Civil Rights, with dozens of variations. **The Table of Contents** provides a detailed list of topics.

Working Americans 1880-2016 Volume VII: Social Movements is so much more, however, than simply a list of social issues in America. It's a window into how Americans think, act, react and get motivated. Fighting for change is the American way, from immigrants struggling to find work, to same sex couples struggling for the right to marry. The right to protest is one of the distinguishing factors that sets this country apart from many others around the world.

Like the other volumes in this series, *Working Americans 1880-2016 Volume VII: Social Movements* is a compilation of original research—personal diaries, school files, family histories—combined with government statistics, commercial advertisements and news features. The text is presented in bulleted format. There are hundreds of supportive graphics—photographs, advertisements, magazine covers, even campaign buttons.

Already a staple in many high school, public, and college libraries, our *Working Americans* series puts Americans under the microscope in order to encourage those living today to feel a strong connection with the past. *Working Americans, 1880-2016, Vol. VII: Social Movements* adds another dimension to this essential collection by illustrating that “every-day” Americans have historically felt compelled to act upon issues important to their lives. Students have always learned about the great social leaders throughout our history, but this book offers a new look, at the ordinary citizen involved in making his or her community and nation a better place through social movement. Our hope is that it will not only help connect the people of today with their heritage, but that it will also inspire its readers to become involved in social movements that are relevant to their own lives.

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