**The Campaign Against Lynching**

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Annotated Bibliography

This book contains a survey of African-American history from 1619 to 1992. It also provides information about ancient African civilizations. Sections describing slave life before the Civil War and the changes that took place during Reconstruction help to give an understanding of the conditions that led to the rise of the practice of lynching.

This book is a compilation of essays that cover various aspects of lynching. The topics include cultural, political, and historical considerations of the problem. This text will be used to provide information about the sociology of lynching.

Congress of the United States of America.  *Congressional Record: Volume 78-Part 1*.  
This entry contains the actual introduction of the Costigan-Wagner Anti-lynching bill, (S. 1978).

Congress of the United States of America.  *Congressional Record: Volume 78-Part 5*.  
This entry contains the actual text of Senate bill 1978. It also contains three newspaper articles in support of the proposed legislation.

Congress of the United States of America.  *Congressional Record: Volume 83-Part 1*.  
This volume contains the text of the anti-lynching bill, (H.R. 1507), that had been passed by the House of Representatives. It documents debate over passage of the bill that took place in the Senate from January 6 to January 27. It also contains the text of the filibuster by Southern Senators and the failed cloture vote.

Congress of the United States of America.  *Congressional Record: Volume 83-Part 2*.  
This volume contains the text of remarks made in the Senate about H.R.1507 from February 7 to February 22.

This volume contains remarks made in both the House of Representatives and the Senate in reference to anti-lynching legislation. Among the remarks is a speech by former Representative Leonidas Dyer. Mr. Dyer had introduced anti-lynching legislation in the House of Representatives in 1920.


This book explores American culture in the 1930’s. It includes discussions of the New Deal and its relationship to African-American civil rights causes. As such it will be used to provide information about the cultural and political context within which the fight for Federal anti-lynching legislation took place.


This book contains an exploration of the history of lynching and lynch law that dates back to the 18th century. It also has a number of charts that describe the scope of the problem. The chapter entitled “Lynch-law and Its Justification” provides insight into the thinking of those who supported lynching.


This book is a compilation of newspaper excerpts that relate to the topic of lynching. The articles are from both northern and southern newspapers. They, therefore, provide differing views of public opinion.


This book explores the early history of the anti-lynching movement. It contains information about anti-lynching pioneer Ida B. Wells as well as the formation of the NAACP. It discusses the political context within which the anti-lynching campaign took place.


This book focuses on the history and contributions of African American women. It contains an examination of the work of Ida B. Wells who was one of the most important figures in the fight against lynching.


This book is a compilation of letters sent to officials of the federal government, including the President, during the Great Depression. Among the letters there are some that are illustrative of the chilling effect that the threat of violence had on African Americans who were attempting to exercise their civil rights.

This book was written by the chief of research for the Southern Commission on the Study of Lynching, (see below). It contains case studies of several lynching. It provides information about lynching rituals through first-hand accounts.


This is the report issued through the auspices of an organization known as the Commission on Interracial Cooperation. It is a primary source of information concerning lynchings that took place in 1930.


This book provides a history of the problem of lynching from 1882 to 1930. Two of the areas on which the book focuses are the economic and political aspects of lynching.


This book contains the Judiciary Committee report of the Costigan-Wagner Anti-lynching Bill. The Judiciary Committee report addresses the arguments pertaining to the constitutionality of the proposed law.


This book deals with Black political issues during the administration of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. It contains a chapter dedicated to the battle over anti-lynching legislation.


This book contains the writings of one of the earliest and most important leaders of the movement to end lynching.


The author of this book was one of the founders of the NAACP which was the leading organization in the fight against lynching. It is based on information that White gathered while posing as a white newspaper reporter. This book was used to publicize the horrors of lynching.


This book documents the NAACP’s fight to end lynching. It focuses on the politics of the issue and on the strategies that were utilized to sway public opinion.