Devolution, Development, and Civil Society in Newark, 1960-1990: A Historical Study

The 1960s and 1970s were a period of great social and political unrest in Newark. The city was plagued by poverty, crime, and racial tension. In 1967, the city erupted in riots that left 26 people dead and hundreds injured. The riots had a profound impact on Newark, and they led to a number of changes in the city's government and policies.

One of the most significant changes that occurred in Newark after the riots was the devolution of power from the federal government to the local government. The federal government had played a major role in Newark's urban development policies since the 1930s. However, after the riots, the federal government began to withdraw from urban areas, and it left local governments with more responsibility for addressing the problems of their cities.

The devolution of power to local governments had a number of consequences for Newark. First, it led to a decrease in the amount of federal funding available for urban development projects. Second, it gave local governments more leeway to set their own priorities and to develop their own policies. Third, it increased the role of non-profit organizations in urban development, as local governments looked to non-profits to provide services that the government could no longer afford to provide.

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The devolution of power to local governments also had a significant impact on civil society in Newark. Civil society is the network of non-profit organizations, community groups, and other organizations that work to improve the lives of people in a community. In Newark, civil society played a vital role in the city's recovery from the riots. Non-profit organizations provided a variety of services to the city's residents, including housing, job training, and education. Community groups organized residents to demand changes from the government and to improve their neighborhoods.

The devolution of power from the federal government to local governments had a number of consequences for Newark. It led to a decrease in the amount of federal funding available for urban development projects, it gave local governments more leeway to set their own priorities and to develop their own policies, and it increased the role of non-profit organizations in urban development. The devolution of power also had a significant impact on civil society in Newark, as non-profit organizations and community groups played a vital role in the city's recovery from the riots.

The 1960s and 1970s were a period of great change for Newark. The federal government's withdrawal from urban areas led to a devolution of

power to local governments and non-profit organizations. This devolution had a significant impact on the city's urban development policies and practices, and it also had a major impact on civil society in Newark.

The history of devolution, development, and civil society in Newark is a complex and fascinating one. This article has provided a brief overview of this important period in the city's history. For more information, please consult the sources listed below.

Books

- Newark: A History of the City by Clement A. Price
- The Politics of Urban Renewal: The Case of Newark by Robert A.
 Beauregard
- Civil Society and Urban Renewal in Newark, 1960-1990 by Jane
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Articles

- ""The Devolution Revolution: Federal Policy and Urban Development in the United States, 1960-1990"" by John D.
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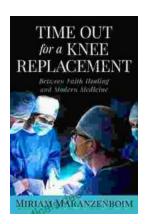
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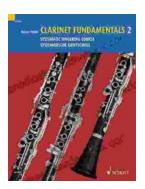
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