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The Stonewall Riots were a series of violent confrontations between police and LGBTQ+ activists that took place in June 1969 in New York City. These events are considered a pivotal moment in the worldwide modern LGBTQIA+ rights movement.





THE RAID ON STONEWALL INN

On June 28, 1969, police raided the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in Greenwich Village. Police arrested employees and patrons, including those not wearing "gender-appropriate" clothing. This was a common occurrence, as gay bars were frequently targeted by police harassment and raids.





THE RIOTS BEGIN

The patrons of Stonewall Inn refused to disperse and instead began to resist the police. The crowd grew in size and became increasingly agitated, throwing objects at the police. A police officer hit a lesbian woman, which further incited the crowd and sparked the beginning of the riots.





THE RIOTS ESCALATE

The riots continued for the next five nights, and the crowd set the Stonewall Inn on fire at one point. Police reinforcements were called in, and there were clashes between the protesters and the police. The Stonewall Riots were a spontaneous protest against the ongoing harassment and discrimination faced by LGBTQIA+ people.





LEGACY

The Stonewall Riots sparked the formation of numerous LGBTQIA+ rights organizations and the annual Pride celebrations. The events at Stonewall marked a turning point in the queer rights movement, inspiring greater activism and solidarity within the community. The Stonewall Riots continue to be a symbol of resistance and a catalyst for the ongoing fight for LGBTQIA+ equality.

