

Political Process and the Development of Black Insurgency, 1930-1970

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McAdam, a leading social movement theorist, has written widely on various aspects and interpretations of the Civil Rights Movement, including McAdam, Doug, The US Civil Rights Movement: Power from Below and Above, 1945-70 [2] In Roberts; Garton Ash, Civil Resistance and Power Politics: The Experience of Non-violent Action from Gandhi to the Present [3] (A. 1.b. Strategic Theory, Dynamics, Methods and Movements [4])Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2009, pp. 58-74. His influential article McAdam, Doug, Tactical Innovation and the Pace of Insurgency [5] American Sociological Review, 1985, pp. 735-754 (reprinted in McAdam; Snow, Readings on Social Movements: Origins, Dynamics and Outcomes [6] (A. 7. Important Reference Works and Websites [7])) highlights how innovative tactics of mass action broke through institutionalised powerlessness.

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