

History 146B: Fall 2018

## Essay: Solidarity and Difference

Due: November 21

Nelson Lichtenstein argues that there was a conflict between the “union idea” of working-class solidarity from the New Deal era and the “rights consciousness” of the 1960s and 1970s. In contrast, Lane Windham sees the Black freedom movement and the women’s liberation movement as providing a powerful new stimulus to unionization. How do you make sense of these competing interpretations? Is one clearly right and one clearly wrong, or are there elements of each that are valid?

Write an analytical essay that draws on course readings and lectures. An excellent essay will address the arguments and evidence of Lichtenstein, Windham, and other course readings and lectures. You must present a clear argument in your own words.

Length:

- 1,500 words maximum

Format:

- 12-point font
- 1-inch margins
- double spaced
- parenthetical citations for readings
- a catchy title that conveys your thesis
- put your name and class number (History 146B) at the top

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