

Civil Rights

Changing for the Better The Honorable Paul Findley U.S. Representative of Illinois

Representative Paul Findley of Illinois describes his personal, and the country's, shift on civil rights issues.

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But it was a different time for our county and there were many people, like myself, who had, had the idea that this is an issue that really ought to be fought out in the Deep South and not become a federal issue, but the intervening years had changed all of that drastically. There hardly ever was the, the sounding of alarm on, on behalf of those believing in states' rights and residual power of the, the—or feels that the federal government should not enter into. There has been a vast change for the better, in my opinion, on the part of all of the Members of the House and Senate. They grasp each issue that comes along and feels they are acting within the intent of the Constitution.