Rulings & Laws Related to the Civil Rights Movement

The NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) was formed in 1909 and worked for equal rights and opportunities for African Americans. This organization worked hard to get many laws changed, especially the ruling related to Plessy v. Ferguson.

In 1952, a famous case called Brown v. Board of Education was a fight about desegregation in schools. In 1954, the U.S. Supreme Court finally ruled that it was unconstitutional to have segregated schools. This was a great moment in the Civil Rights Movement.

Another success in the Civil Rights Movement was the Civil Rights Act of 1964. This made it illegal to segregate in public facilities. It also banned employment discrimination, which meant you could not be overlooked for a job based on your race, gender, religion or nationality.

Finally, in 1965, Congress passed the Voting Rights Act. This gave African Americans the full right to vote without having to pass any test first.

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