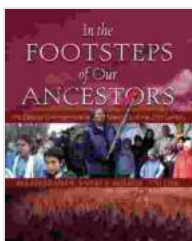


# The Dakota Commemorative Marches of the 21st Century: A Legacy of Resistance and Resilience

The Dakota Commemorative Marches are a series of annual marches held in South Dakota to honor the legacy of the Dakota people and their struggle for justice. The marches began in 2005, on the 125th anniversary of the Wounded Knee Massacre. Since then, they have grown into a major event, attracting thousands of participants from across the country.



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## **The Dakota People**

The Dakota people are a Native American tribe that has lived in the Great Plains region for centuries. The Dakota people were once a powerful and prosperous nation, but their way of life was destroyed by the arrival of European settlers.

In the 19th century, the Dakota people were forced to give up their land and move to reservations. The reservations were often located in remote and inhospitable areas, and the Dakota people suffered from poverty, disease, and discrimination.

In 1890, the Dakota people participated in the Wounded Knee Massacre, a tragic event that resulted in the deaths of over 300 Dakota men, women, and children. The Wounded Knee Massacre was a turning point in Dakota history, and it led to the further dispossession and oppression of the Dakota people.

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## **The Impact of the Marches**

The Dakota Commemorative Marches have had a significant impact on the state of South Dakota and the nation. The marches have helped to raise awareness of the Dakota people's history and their ongoing struggle for justice. They have also helped to build a sense of community among Native Americans and their allies.

The marches have also led to concrete changes in policy. In 2011, the South Dakota legislature passed a bill that renamed the Wounded Knee Massacre as the "Wounded Knee Massacre and Historic Site." The bill also created a state commission to study the massacre and its legacy.

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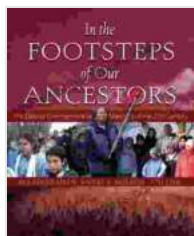
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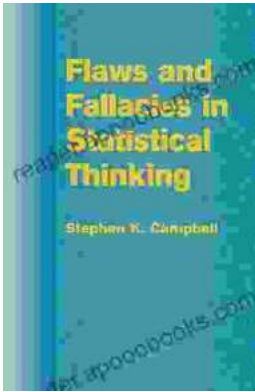
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