

Six Responses to James O'Toole and David Vogel's "Two and a Half Cheers for

Conscious Capitalism"

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Contributions of Music to the mobilization of social movements include:

- -communication of ideas that movements offer;
- -creation of opposition to the existing social and cultural order;
- -recollection of meaning that lies outside and beyond the self;
- -personification of the movement among individual activists;
- -shaping of preference;
- -influencing of segregation/separation of groups of people from one another.
- **Music is not responsible for social movements, but rather it is used to facilitate the evolution movements.



Music and Empowerment in Social Movements

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Two of the most recognized social movements that utilized music as a means to both mobilize the movements and empower individuals are:

-Abolition - 19th century social movement to abolish enslavement of African Americans in the United States.

-Civil Rights Movement - 20th century social movement in the United States aimed at outlawing racial discrimination against black Americans.

Abolition - Slavery and Chain Gangs

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-For individuals seeking to escape slavery, music and song was used as a means of communication.

-Spirituals - coded songs passed from one group to another.

-Secret meanings in songs were used to communicate escape plans/routes, to signal the need to hide/remain in hiding, and signal the discussion of plans.

"Wade in the Water" and "Steal Away"