

## Journal 1 Policy

Go to the NASW website to explore “Milestones in the Development of Social Work and Social Welfare.” In your reflection, share what you learned from this site.

Going on the NASW site I learn a lot also from watching the 100 year history video. The earliest parts of social work were established from ancient times. In these early times there were codes or law established to help the needy. In the 1900 you had the pioneer of social work Jane Addams and her establishment of Hull houses was a game changer for how social work was seen and how it operated living within the problem areas to affect change is a genius idea. The early pioneers and minorities that helped propel social work in early America seen to make the government understand there is a need in society to help the poor and disadvantaged. By 1917 you have the origins of social work in American take shape. This is interesting considering we were in a war and then when it was over there were millions of people that served and did not have anything to come back to.

Flash forward to the 1950 there was an established a Working definition of social work values, and multiple sources of news that related to social work like magazines and newsletters. In 1959 the social work profession takes a boarder stance on civil rights, just right before the turbulent time of the 1960s. In 60s is where the profession you had to be credentials and a professional social worker with an ACSW certification. In the 1960s as well there was the first edition of the code of ethics that helped guide and govern social work practice. In 1961 Social workers get involved on a global scale with the Peace Corps and establish roles of social work in that space. In the rest of the 60s and into the 70s there were many acts and laws that help established modern social work as we know it today.

Racial equality and diversity and social justice are things that social work practice focuses and includes in social work today. To date we focus one cultural competency which is something that helps ourselves and our clients strive to better outcomes. From Gun control to debt relief social workers had had their hand and hearts in many facets of American life to affect change on a national scale. social workers are on the forefront of movements of the last 100 year to make things more equitable for all people.

There are many things upon looking at the time line that I never new social workers were involved in. This was very eye opening and interesting to see all the history of social work and what avenues that they had an impact in. Social workers are agents for change and through out the timeline you see this. I have only one question as I see the data from the timeline. Does social have one big battle to fight or just many smaller victories that account for the war?