

## Social welfare and Policy

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Looking at the NASW website was very insightful, while I've worked in the social work field for some time, I wasn't aware of its origins. Admittedly I didn't know that Ms. Jane Addams was the one responsible for pioneering the social work profession, I'm not surprised however as women tend to lead the charge to make a difference when it comes to injustice in our society. I am all proud that African Americans such as Ida B. Wells and George Edmund Haynes contributed and help shape our profession to what it is today. Also it was encouraging to know that NASW was on the front lines when it came to advocating and fighting for equality of other in particular during the civil rights movement. It was also encouraging that the NASW is evolving, and example of this would be that during the civil rights movement they updated their code of ethics to reflect their stance in support of civil rights for people of color. We continue to see NASW to be a continued presence in the fight for civil rights during the 1960s but we also see them be a presence in our history when they was injustice and a violation of human rights of any kind.

Social workers have often been overlooked and even at times have their worked deemed as not important in comparison to building wealth and earning capital. Where everyone has deviated from what is important, social workers realize that there is nothing more important that life and its purpose is to ensure that all people no matter, their race, gender or social economic standing, human life is to be valued and is worthy to be respected.