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What does this episode teach us about gender and society?

The episode Stonewall teaches us how until very recently gays had no basic rights. To have fun in New York City they had to go to a bar controlled by the Mafia without running water, where they were beaten and arrested by the police simply for being gay. Another interesting thing presented in the podcast is the prejudice within the gay community. There were smaller groups that were either judged by race or for being another type of queer. Most of the public were white males and some who dressed in drag entered the club in masculine outfits to later transform inside the club where drag shows took place. A group of gay people who did not frequent the bar tried to dismiss the significance of the event as only a bunch of stone-throwing queens.

What information is presented?

The information presented is the importance of what took place at Stonewall. It was the first time that gays stood up to the policy and rioted for better rights. It all started with someone throwing a brick at the police which turned into a riot where the gay people were trying to set the Stone Wall Inn on fire, the police decided not to shoot the people raiding, which was followed by other riots even one year after Stone Wall. The podcast mentions that before stonewall gays wouldn't be served in any restaurant because restaurants were afraid to use their liquor license. They would be kicked out from anywhere nice. Gay bouncers were hired by the mafia so it wouldn't be an issue if they were arrested. Quite cruel. The police would raid the bar frequently with arrest quotas to be fulfilled and men were supposed to have at least three masculine clothes on or they would go arrested.

The gay parade wasn't always there it was a process for civil rights for gays. And the meaning of the parade is to enforce the right to come and go, to get married, to be considered guilty before q court judgment.

What is the perspective of the hosts or story-tellers?

The host's perspective is to analyze what actually took place that day because there were so many stories around, and even people who weren't there were said to have thrown the first brick at the cops. They read books about it and even interviewed people who were there to investigate how it happened.

What is the historical and/or cultural significance of the content?

The historical significance is huge because gays said enough is enough and they changed the way they are treated by the police and the establishments, at least in the United States.

Discrimination is a crime. The gay pride movement spread out all around the country and in major cities of the world, that's all started in the West Village, NYC during the 1960s, at the Stone Wall Inn, after the riot, alliances were formed to defend the gay rights, finding power in the collective.