

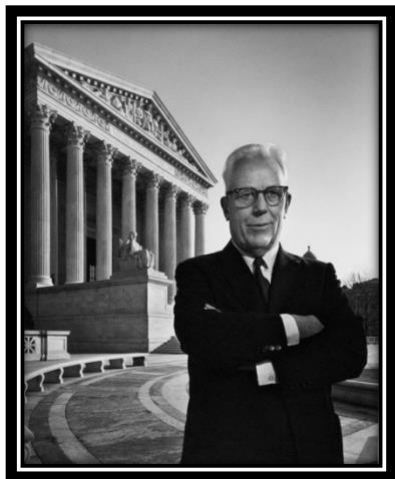
PROFILE OF RESISTANCE

EARL WARREN

lawyer, soldier, governor, activist, judge

“The censor's sword pierces deeply into the heart of free expression.”

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Background Information

Born on March 19, 1891; Died on July 9, 1974

Earl Warren was raised in an immigrant family that stressed education and hard work. Warren was influenced by his father's job as a railroad car mechanic and from local judicial trials he routinely watched. Warren saw the power of industry monopolies and corruption through his father's career, which influenced his career shortly after college. Earl Warren went to the University of California, Berkley and received both a bachelor's in political science (BA) and a Juris Doctor degree (JD) in 1914.¹

Warren's Resistance

Warren was drafted into World War One after college. Afterwards, Warren worked in the district attorney's office and was appointed as the District Attorney in 1925. His campaigns were run off of personal funds, rather than corporate donations, and his nonpartisan ideology became respected state wide. Warren strictly enforced the law and worked against corruption in his political and public service career. Warren's work ethic and honesty earned him nationwide fame and respect.² Warren moved from district attorney to attorney general to California's 30th Governor for a decade, and eventually was a U.S. Supreme Court Justice for decades.

Warren was instrumental in enforcing *Mendez v. Westminster* as a governor and was the lead U.S. Supreme Court Justice that ensured a unanimous ruling on *Brown v. Board of Education*. Both cases worked to end legal racial segregation and separate but equal ideology from *Plessy v. Ferguson*. Warren pushed to better public education for everyone through laws and court decisions that worked towards equity and inclusion.³

Achievements

Warren attempted to promote fairness and equity in an admirable, attainable way. Warren stands as a resistor to discrimination and legal injustice. Warren's work created legislation and policy that strongly encouraged equity through a fair rule of law.

¹ Cray, Ed (1997). Chief Justice: A Biography of Earl Warren. ISBN 978-0-684-80852-9.

² Dennis J. Hutchinson, "Hail to the Chief: Earl Warren and the Supreme Court," 81 Michigan Law Review 922 (1983).

³ Earl Warren. (n.d.). Retrieved October 29, 2019, from https://www.oyez.org/justices/earl_warren.

