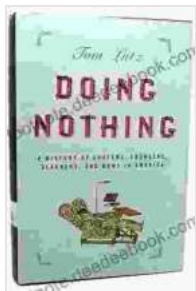


History of Loafers, Loungers, Slackers, and Bums in America

The history of loafers, loungers, slackers, and bums in America is a long and complex one. These terms have been used to describe people who are lazy, unemployed, or homeless. But the reality is often more complicated.



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Colonial Era

The first loafers in America were likely the indentured servants who arrived in the colonies in the 17th and 18th centuries. These servants were often forced to work long hours in harsh conditions. When their contracts expired, they were often left with no money or skills. Some of these former servants turned to begging or crime.

19th Century

In the 19th century, the number of loafers in America increased dramatically. The Industrial Revolution led to the displacement of many workers. And the Civil War created a large number of homeless veterans.

During this time, there was a growing fear of vagrancy. Many people believed that loafers were a threat to society. In response, some cities passed laws that made it illegal to be unemployed.

20th Century

The Great Depression of the 1930s led to a sharp increase in the number of loafers. Millions of Americans lost their jobs and were forced to live on the streets.

During World War II, the demand for labor increased. And many loafers found work in factories and shipyards. But after the war, the number of loafers increased again.

In the 1960s, the term "loafer" began to be used to describe people who were not just unemployed, but also countercultural. These loafers were often involved in the anti-war movement or the civil rights movement.

21st Century

In the 21st century, the number of loafers in America has continued to increase. The Great Recession of 2008 led to a sharp increase in unemployment. And the opioid epidemic has also contributed to the problem.

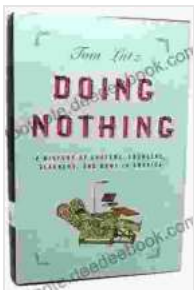
Today, there are an estimated 500,000 homeless people in America. Many of these people are loafers. They are often unemployed, addicted to drugs

or alcohol, and mentally ill.

The history of loafers, loungers, slackers, and bums in America is a complex one. These terms have been used to describe a wide range of people, from the unemployed to the homeless. But one thing is clear: loafers have always been a part of American society.

In recent years, there has been a growing awareness of the problems faced by loafers. And there are a number of programs and organizations that are working to help them.

The history of loafers, loungers, slackers, and bums in America is a reminder that poverty and homelessness are complex problems. There is no easy solution. But we can all work together to help those who are struggling.



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