

The price of progress

In "The Price of Progress," Washington depicts a peaceful group of African Americans protesting for equal rights. To the left, the protesters are approached by a group of southern police, positioned for an impending physical attack. The protesters stand purposeful and unyielding, cognizant of the "price" they may be called to pay for the sake.

In "The Price of Progress", Washington demonstrates the constant threat of violence faced by peaceful civil rights activists seeking racial equality. Southern authorities adopted heavy-handed tactics against peaceful protesters, even though they posed no threat of violence.

Citizenship and equality are broader concepts than just civil rights. The civil rights movement was not only about ending segregation, but also about enabling Americans to enjoy the fruits of equal citizenship in all aspects of life, both public and private.