

# The Trial of the Chicago 7: An Official Courtroom Transcript

The seven defendants in the Trial of the Chicago 7 were:

- **Abbie Hoffman:** A founder of the Youth International Party (Yippies)
- **Jerry Rubin:** A co-founder of the Yippies
- **David Dellinger:** A pacifist and anti-war activist
- **Rennie Davis:** A member of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS)
- **Tom Hayden:** A leader of SDS
- **Lee Weiner:** A member of SDS
- **John Froines:** A chemist and anti-war activist

The defendants were charged with conspiracy to incite a riot during the 1968 Democratic National Convention. The prosecution alleged that the defendants had planned and organized the riots that took place in Chicago during the convention.

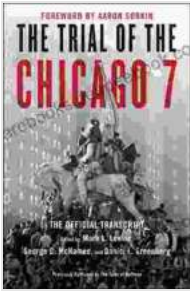
The trial of the Chicago 7 began on September 24, 1969, and lasted for five months. The trial was presided over by Judge Julius Hoffman, who was known for his conservative views and his hostility towards the defendants.

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The prosecution's case was based on the testimony of numerous witnesses, including police officers, FBI agents, and undercover informants. The prosecution also presented videotapes and photographs of the riots.

The defense attorneys argued that the defendants were not responsible for the riots. They claimed that the riots were caused by the police response to the protests. The defense also argued that the defendants were victims of a political witch hunt.

The jury deliberated for three weeks before reaching a verdict. On February 20, 1970, the jury found five of the defendants guilty of conspiracy. The jury acquitted all seven defendants of the more serious charge of inciting to riot.

The Trial of the Chicago 7 had a profound impact on the Vietnam War era. It marked the end of the era of mass protests and the beginning of a new era of more violent and confrontational activism. The trial also had a significant impact on the American legal system. It led to the development of new rules governing the conduct of criminal trials, and it helped to establish the right of defendants to a fair trial.

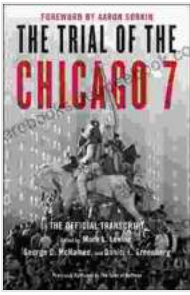
The Trial of the Chicago 7 remains a controversial event in American history. Some people believe that the defendants were unfairly targeted by the government. Others believe that the defendants were guilty of the charges against them. Regardless of one's opinion on the trial, there is no doubt that it was a watershed moment in American history.

The official transcript of the Trial of the Chicago 7 is a valuable resource for anyone interested in the history of the Vietnam War era and the fight for civil rights. The transcript provides a detailed account of the trial, including the complete testimony of all witnesses, as well as the arguments of the prosecution and defense attorneys.

The transcript is available for purchase from the Government Printing Office. It is also available online through the website of the University of Chicago Law School.

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