

BOOK REVIEW

Blacks in America's Wars

The shift in attitudes from the Revolutionary War to Vietnam

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The changing expectations of blacks who served in U.S. battles from the Revolutionary War to Korea are examined. Earlier anticipation that conspicuous participation in America's wars would bestow full citizenship at home is shown to have begun disintegrating during World War II.

The growth of black consciousness and resistance to U.S. involvement in Vietnam are described by Mullen as precipitates in the almost total reassessment of priorities and commitments.

A low-key militant view of the shaping of black attitudes. Notes appended.