

THELMA GLASS

(United States of America, 1916-2012)



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AMERICA

Pioneer of civil rights and Geography professor at Alabama State University. She used her knowledge of geography and local transportation to support the 1955 Montgomery bus boycott. After the imprisonments of high-profile activists who refused to comply with bus seat segregation orders, she called for a boycott of the system along with other members of the Women's Political Council, introducing this key action into the United States Civil Rights Movement. As a force for justice, her actions and knowledge in solidarity with others eventually led to her country's Supreme Court decision that bus segregation was unconstitutional.