Radical Side of Bob Dylan

Wobblies, Civil Rights, New Left, and the Commons of American Popular Music

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How did Bob Dylan become arguably the most influential American musician in the past half century? Dylan's artistic staying power has its roots in traditional popular music, from folk to blues to country, which expresses the making of the U.S. working class. We will explore Dylan's musical debt to the labor troubadour **Woody Guthrie and the Wobbly** martyr Joe Hill and how Dylan came to influence the civil rights movement and the New Left radicals, such as the Black Panther **Party and the Weather** Underground, during the 1960s.

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