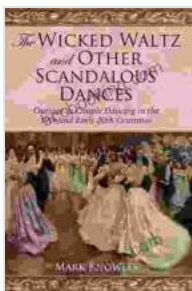


# Outrage at Couple Dancing in the 19th and Early 20th Centuries

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In the 19th century, couple dancing was banned in many churches and schools. In some cases, it was even banned in public places. This was due to the belief that couple dancing could lead to immorality and social unrest.



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In the early 20th century, couple dancing began to become more popular again. However, it was still seen as a controversial activity by some people. In 1914, the United States Congress passed a law that banned couple

dancing in interstate commerce. This law was eventually overturned in 1935, but it shows the extent to which some people opposed couple dancing.

Today, couple dancing is a popular and accepted activity. However, it is still important to remember the history of couple dancing and the controversy that it has caused.

## **The Origins of Couple Dancing**

The origins of couple dancing can be traced back to the ancient world. In ancient Greece and Rome, couple dancing was a popular form of entertainment. It was also used in religious ceremonies and rituals.

In the Middle Ages, couple dancing was banned in many parts of Europe. This was due to the belief that it was a sinful activity. However, couple dancing continued to be popular in some areas, and it eventually began to make a comeback in the Renaissance.

## **The Rise of Ballroom Dancing**

In the 19th century, ballroom dancing became increasingly popular. Ballroom dancing is a form of couple dancing that is performed in a formal setting. It is characterized by its elegant and graceful movements.

Ballroom dancing was seen as a more respectable form of couple dancing than other types of dancing. This was because it was performed in a formal setting and it was associated with the upper classes.

## **The Outrage over Couple Dancing**

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In 1894, the Reverend Charles Parkhurst of New York City denounced couple dancing as a "moral pestilence." He claimed that it was a breeding ground for immorality and crime.

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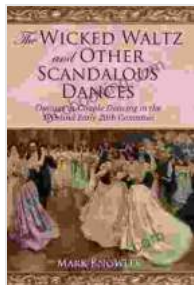
### **The Legacy of Outrage**

The outrage over couple dancing in the 19th and early 20th centuries has had a lasting legacy. Even today, some people view couple dancing as a sinful activity. This is especially true in some religious communities.

However, couple dancing is now a popular and accepted activity. It is enjoyed by people of all ages and backgrounds. It is a form of expression and creativity, and it can be a great way to socialize and have fun.

The history of couple dancing is full of controversy and outrage. However, couple dancing has survived and thrived despite the opposition it has faced. It is now a popular and accepted activity that is enjoyed by people of all ages and backgrounds.

The next time you go out dancing, take a moment to think about the history of this activity. Remember the people who fought for the right to dance, and be grateful for the freedom to express yourself through movement.



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