



COMPTON CAFETERIA RIOTS

Gene Compton's Cafeteria was a 24-hour diner in San Francisco. It served as a community spot for trans women and drag queens who were often being arrested for breaking gender stereotypes, such as wearing lipstick or mascara, or even wearing a blouse that buttoned on the "wrong" side. In 1966, the trans activists stood up to police at the Compton Cafeteria and fought against police brutality and LGBTQ discrimination. This helped to set the groundwork for other LGBTQ activism in America.

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