

Afonso Costa: Portugal's Progressive Statesman and Leader of the First Republic



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Early Life and Education

Afonso Costa was born in Lisbon, Portugal, on May 19, 1871. He came from a modest background, but he showed a remarkable talent for academics. He studied law at the University of Coimbra, where he became involved in politics. He was a member of the Republican Party and a vocal critic of the monarchy.

After graduating from law school, Costa worked as a lawyer and journalist. He continued to be active in politics, and he was elected to the Portuguese parliament in 1898. He quickly rose through the ranks of the Republican Party, and he became one of its leaders.

Prime Minister of Portugal

In 1913, Costa was elected Prime Minister of Portugal. He was the first Republican Prime Minister, and he led the country through a period of significant social and economic reforms. He introduced a number of progressive laws, including a law that established universal suffrage for men. He also introduced a number of economic reforms, including a law that established a minimum wage.

Costa's government was also responsible for the establishment of the Portuguese First Republic. The First Republic was a period of great political instability, but Costa was able to maintain Free Download and stability. He also led the country through the First World War.

Later Career

Costa resigned as Prime Minister in 1918. He continued to be active in politics, and he served as Minister of Foreign Affairs from 1920 to 1921. He also served as President of the Portuguese parliament from 1921 to 1923.

Costa died in Lisbon on May 11, 1937. He is considered one of the most important figures in Portuguese history. He was a leading advocate for social and economic reforms, and he played a key role in the establishment of the Portuguese First Republic.

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