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Sources...

THEY ARE COUNTING NO YOUR SILENCE.

DON'T GIVE IT TO THEM!

☐	Call your US Rep & Senators - Demand a new Voting Rights Act (John Lewis Act revival).
☐	Check your District - Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Tennessee primaries are being reshaped as you read this.
☐	Follow Lawsuits - NAACP Legal Defense Fund, ACLU
☐	Get Loud, Get Local - Share this zine. Post on social media. Attend local government meetings
☐	Vote Anyway - Even in a rigged map, low turnout is what they want.

THE 14TH AMENDMENT DIDN'T CHANGE.
THE COURT DID. NOW WE FIGHT BACK



It never did
what it
promised.
Same
Amendment.
Same Lie.

Promised Equality.
Weaponized over and over again...

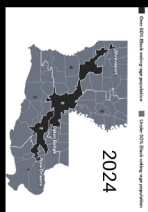
The 11th Amendment
was written to protect freedmen
and their right to vote.

In 1868. In 2026.
it's killing
voting rights.
"Separate
but equal."
but rigged."

The Final Cut
April 29, 2026

Louisiana v. Callais

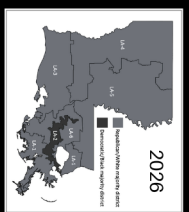
In a 6-3 decision, the Supreme Court rules. Louisiana's "fair map" is an unconstitutional racial gerrymander. This effectively gutted Section 2 of the VRA.



The Immediate Aftermath:

Louisiana's Senate Bill 121 is passed, eliminating one of two majority-black districts, shifting the state's representation from 4-2 to a GOP favorable 5-1.

In the middle of early voting, Governor Jeff Landry suspends the May House primaries. Tens of thousands of ballots are cast and will now not count.



Governors from other states followed Louisiana's lead. Tennessee's Senator Marsha Blackburn calls to redraw the map to a 9-0 GOP sweep, eliminating the only Democratic seat in Memphis.

I've vowed to keep Tennessee a red state, and as Governor, I'll do everything I can to make this map a reality.

VOTING RIGHTS ACT

HISTORY • EDUCATION • CULTURE
VOL. 1888
Price 15¢

TWO TOOLS THAT
PROTECT THE VRA

Section 2 - Banned any voting practices that discriminated by race.

Section 5 - Forced certain states to get federal approval before changing voting laws (preclearance)

1982
Congress strengthened Section 2
You only had to prove a law
had discriminatory effect, not
that someone intended it.
That is harder!

Then the Supreme Court
started cutting...

1993 - SHAW V. RENO
1995 - MILLER V. JOHNSON
2013 - SHELBY V. HOLDER



By 2013, the VRA was a skeleton. Section 2 was on the books, but the tools to enforce it was gone.

The Confederacy lost in 1865.
The war on Black voting
rights never ended.

1865
13th Amendment
Slavery shall not exist
in the United States.

1870
15th Amendment
The right to vote shall
not be denied by any
state based on the
account of race, color,
or previous condition
of servitude.

1896
Plessy v. Ferguson
"Separate but equal"
Segregation was legal as
long as everything was
supposedly "equal."
(It never was.)

1901
Jim Crow
Vote suppression through literacy tests,
different vote time places, restricting the
constitution or expand complex laws.

1964
24th Amendment
Poll Tax banned for
Federal Elections.
In 1966, the Supreme
Court banned poll taxes
for State election too.

1965
Voting Rights Act
Passed after Selma
(March 7th, 1965 - Bloody
Sunday)

Every time we win,
they find a new trick.