

1 MILLION FOR VOTING RIGHTS

"The vote is the most powerful nonviolent tool we have." - *John Lewis*

In 2022, we see little to no progress on the passage of federal legislation to protect the vote.

From Black History Month, launching our 1 Million for Voting Rights Campaign, redistricting and more - Black Voters Matter continues to mobilize many in multiple states.

Take a look at our February Wrap-Up Report!



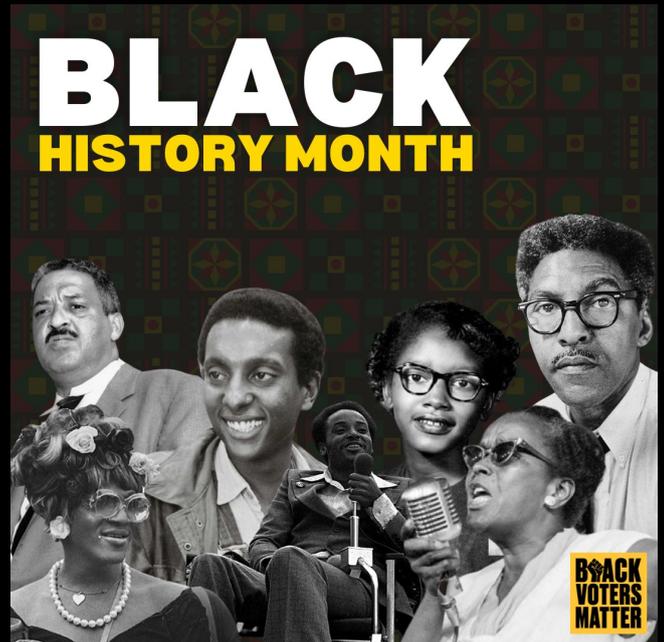
HAPPY BLACK HISTORY MONTH!

This month, like every month, we celebrated our history and impact in the world.

Throughout the month of February, we highlighted Black activists on our platform who got their start as youth. Take a look at some of our top posts!

In honor of Black History Month, we also urged President Biden to nominate a Black woman to the Supreme Court following the retirement announcement of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer.

Read our full statement [here](#).

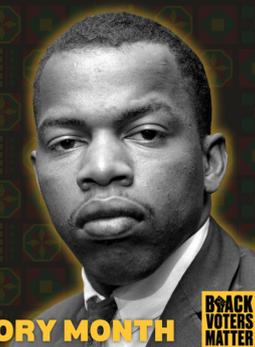


JOHN LEWIS

JOHN LEWIS GREW UP IN AN ERA OF RACIAL SEGREGATION. INSPIRED BY MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., HE JOINED THE BURGEONING CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT.

LEWIS WAS A FREEDOM RIDER, SPOKE AT 1963'S MARCH ON WASHINGTON AND LED THE DEMONSTRATION THAT BECAME KNOWN AS "BLOODY SUNDAY."

HE WAS ELECTED TO CONGRESS IN 1986 AND RECEIVED THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM IN 2011.



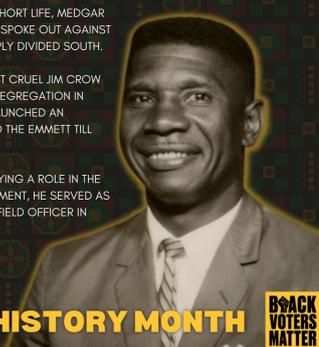
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MEDGAR EVERS

THROUGHOUT HIS SHORT LIFE, MEDGAR EVERS HEROICALLY SPOKE OUT AGAINST RACISM IN THE DEEPLY DIVIDED SOUTH.

HE FOUGHT AGAINST CRUEL JIM CROW LAWS, PROTESTED SEGREGATION IN EDUCATION, AND LAUNCHED AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE EMMETT TILL LYNCHING.

IN ADDITION TO PLAYING A ROLE IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT, HE SERVED AS THE NAACP'S FIRST FIELD OFFICER IN MISSISSIPPI.



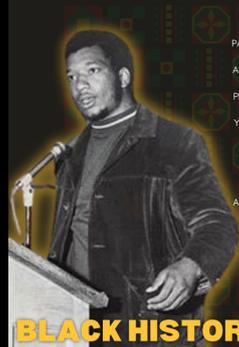
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FRED HAMPTON

FRED HAMPTON CAME TO PROMINENCE IN CHICAGO AS DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL BLACK PANTHER PARTY, AND CHAIR OF THE ILLINOIS CHAPTER.

AS A PROGRESSIVE AFRICAN AMERICAN, HE FOUNDED THE ANTI-ROBUST, ANTI-CLASS RAINBOW COALITION, A PROMINENT MULTICULTURAL POLITICAL ORGANIZATION THAT INITIALLY INCLUDED THE BLACK PANTHERS, YOUNG PATRIOTS (WHICH ORGANIZED POOR WHITES), AND THE YOUNG LORDS (WHICH ORGANIZED HISPANICS), AND AN ALLIANCE AMONG MAJOR CHICAGO STREET GANGS TO HELP THEM END INFIGHTINGS AND WORK FOR SOCIAL CHANGE.

A MARXIST-LENINIST, HAMPTON CONSIDERED FASCISM THE GREATEST THREAT, SAYING, "NOTHING IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN STOPPING FASCISM, BECAUSE FASCISM WILL STOP US ALL."



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UPDATES FROM THE FEILD

GEORGIA

HBCU's Got Something To Say! In Georgia, we launched listening sessions to hear from HBCU students about issues important to them on campus and in their surrounding communities.

The top issues were:

- Mental health
- Education
- Police Violence
- Gun Violence
- Climate Change
- Student Debt
- Voter Suppression

Also in Georgia, we launched our #LoveAndPower Collard Green Caravans! Partners visited Farm Lawrence in Reynolds, GA to harvest greens before the collective prepares to turn the fields for new crops. We were able to cut food waste and donate to the community.



UPDATES FROM THE FEILD

LOUISIANA

In Louisiana, we held a Redistricting Takeover! We joined our partners on the ground to continue to raise awareness about the importance of fair maps!

The Redistricting Takeover is centering the voices of the most marginalized, yet most impacted people of the state of Louisiana. The takeover included a press conference, testimony, and lobbying of individual members of the Joint Committee that will be making the ultimate decision on the maps that come out of the redistricting process.

We are reclaiming our power by not only being a part of the process before it starts, but seeing this process to the finish line by being a part of the work until it's done!



UPDATES FROM THE FEILD

TEXAS

In Texas, we launched our Campus Blackout Tour to educate and mobilize college students across the state in spreading love and building power ahead of Valentines Day!

Black Voters Matter traveled to college campuses in the following areas:

- Houston
- San Antonio
- Austin
- Dallas
- Fort Worth
- East Texas Region



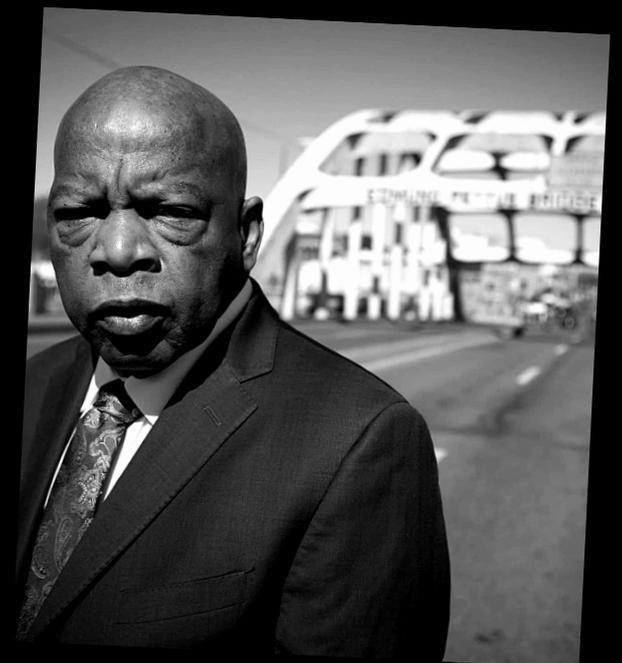
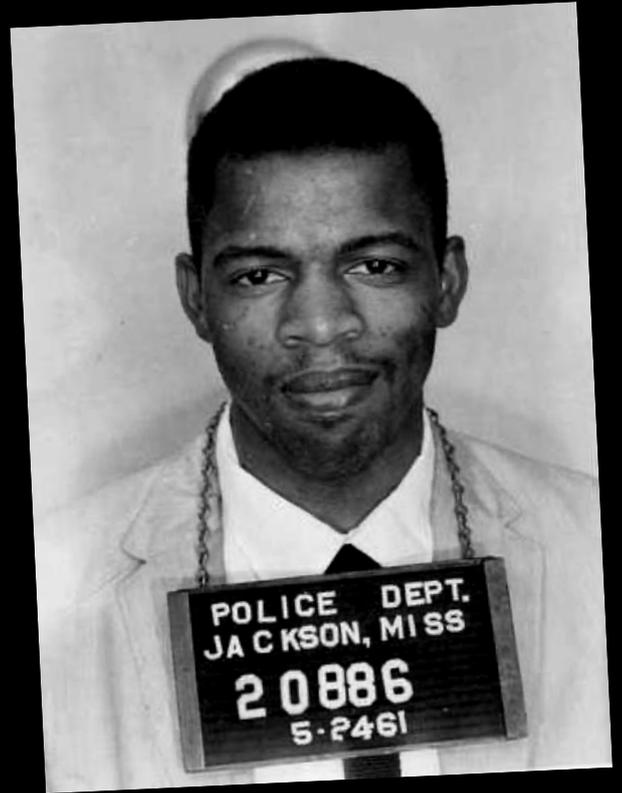
HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOHN LEWIS

1 MILLION FOR VOTING RIGHTS

On the late Congressman John Lewis' 82nd birthday, February 21st, we launched our 1 Million for Voting Rights Pledge to secure one million signatures from folks across the country who are ready to stand with us in demanding immediate action on voting rights! #1MStrong!

Dangerous Supreme Court decisions, state-level voter restrictions, and Senate inaction threaten to turn back the clock on election freedom and our ability to build power and make gains on the issues impacting our communities.

Join us. Take the pledge [here](#).



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The focus of the Hill-Snowdon Foundation's approach to grantmaking is grounded in a philosophy of justice and fairness for some of the most vulnerable members of society, low-income families - particularly low-income, youth of color and low-wage workers. Over the past 20 years or so we have focused on supporting our grassroots partners in DC (where the foundation is based), equity, justice, and civic engagement work, and lifting up Black-led organizing. The foundation has also developed a particular focus on supporting community organizing in the U.S. South, and the majority of our grant funds are now directed in this region.

"The reach and impact of Black Voters Matter have been critical to local communities to provide non-partisan support, encouragement, resources, and media attention to local and state races. We support Black Voters Matter because it offers a necessary and unique intervention in the world of civic engagement and building the political power of the Black community. Its focus on Black rural voters, lifting up the leadership of Black women, doing deep relational organizing, and engaging Black communities based on the interests they express and not a candidate -- is a direct counter to an electoral complex where Black voters are consistently taken for granted." - Hill-Snowdon Foundation

BVM IN THE MEDIA

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