

ADC #RestoreTheVRA Twitter Storm Tweets
Thursday, August 13, 2015 at 1PM ET



Prior to twitter storm:

- Join @adctweets and other voting rights advocates at 1PM ET today and tell Congress to #RestoreTheVRA!
- Join @adctweets @civilrightsorg and other civil rights advocates at 1PM ET today and tell Congress to #RestoreTheVRA!

ADC Action Alert (targeted constituent letter to Congress)

- Take Action: Tell Congress to Restore Voting Rights and Strengthen Our Democracy!
#RestoreTheVRA
http://salsa3.salsalabs.com/o/50434/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=17038



- Communities of color still face voter suppression in 2015. Tell Congress to #RestoreTheVRA today!
http://salsa3.salsalabs.com/o/50434/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=17038
- Last year, Arab-Americans were targeted for voter suppression in Michigan, This year, Congress must #RestoreTheVRA!
http://salsa3.salsalabs.com/o/50434/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=17038
- While your representatives are in recess, discrimination is still hard at work. Tell Congress to #RestoreTheVRA!
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- Congress may be in recess, but racism doesn't rest. Tell Congress to protect your right to vote!
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Don't just commemorate, legislate:

- Last Thursday we commemorated the 50th anniversary of the #VotingRightsAct. In this historic year, it's time to #RestoreTheVRA!
- Lawmakers who commemorate should legislate. 50 years after the Voting Rights Act was enacted, Congress needs to finally #RestoreTheVRA
- We urge every lawmaker who commemorated the Voting Rights Act's 50th anniversary last Thursday to work to #RestoreTheVRA without delay.
- Racial discrimination in voting – 50 years ago + today – is real. While we commemorate VRA's 50th year, Congress MUST fix it. #RestoreTheVRA
- #TBT to last Thursday when Congress acted like they cared about the Voting Rights Act. Let's see if they do when recess ends. #RestoreTheVRA
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- Last Thursday we commemorated the 50th anniversary of the #VotingRightsAct. Now it's time to #RestoreTheVRA! [IMAGE]



Rep. Goodlatte:

- "We are certainly willing to look at any new evidence of discrimination if there is a need to take any measures," -@RepGoodlatte
- @RepGoodlatte: Are you willing to look at this new evidence of discrimination from law week?
<http://pdfserver.amlaw.com/nlj/Veasey%20v%20Abbott%205th%20Circuit%20opinion.pdf>
- It's time for @RepGoodlatte to stop ignoring widespread voting discrimination. He must help advance efforts to #RestoreTheVRA!
- No, racial discrimination in voting isn't over. It's time for @RepGoodlatte to hold a voting rights hearing and work to #RestoreTheVRA!
- More than 2 years after Shelby, it's past time for @RepGoodlatte to hold a hearing on voting rights and consider bills to #RestoreTheVRA.
- .@RepGoodlatte says he hasn't seen any new evidence of voting discrimination. He must hold a hearing ASAP to learn about it. #RestoreTheVRA

- @RepGoodlatte. If Republicans are conservative, why do you allow states to keep wasting our money on unconstitutional laws? #RestoreTheVRA
- @RepGoodlatte: A true fiscal conservative would try to stop wasting the judiciary's time and resources. #JudicialEconomy #RestoreTheVRA
- @RepGoodlatte: The real fraud is wasting taxpayer money on suppressing the right to vote. #RestoreTheVRA
- @RepGoodlatte: What are you fearing? Hold a hearing. Restore the Voting Rights Act! #RestoreTheVRA [Image]



General Messages:

- Why [#RestoreTheVRA](#)? States, counties & cities across the country are pushing through laws designed to make it harder for minorities to vote.
- Ahead of 2016 presidential election & primaries, lawmakers have more leeway to limit who can vote. It's time for Congress to [#RestoreTheVRA](#).
- Congress has before it legislation that would [#RestoreTheVRA](#), but some want to ignore the reality of discrimination. They must act ASAP!
- No, racial discrimination in voting doesn't just exist in history books – it persists still today. It's time for Congress to [#RestoreTheVRA](#).
- We must end racial discrimination in voting and ensure every citizen has an equal voice in our democracy. Congress can help: [#RestoreTheVRA](#)!
- Congress can no longer continue to ignore the problem of modern voting discrimination. Congress must act NOW to [#RestoreTheVRA](#).
- The American public, voters of all races & both parties, want to see the Voting Rights Act restored. Congress should listen. [#RestoreTheVRA](#)
- For decades, the value of the Voting Rights Act — all of it — hasn't been a partisan issue. It shouldn't turn into one now. [#RestoreTheVRA](#)
- Congress must fulfill its obligations under the Constitution to eradicate voting discrimination. They must pass a law to [#RestoreTheVRA](#).
- Since the VRA was gutted, [#Selma](#)'s legacy has been unraveled by discrimination. Congress must honor marchers and [#RestoreTheVRA](#) this year!
- In March, lawmakers commemorated Bloody Sunday in [#Selma](#), but haven't yet legislated to fix what marchers fought & died for. [#RestoreTheVRA](#)
- RT if you agree: Congress must [#RestoreTheVRA](#) as soon as possible before the gains of the last 50 years recede any further.
- We now have the weakest protections for voters since the [#VRA](#) was first enacted in 1965. Americans need Congress to [#RestoreTheVRA](#)!
- Inaction is not an option. Silence is not an option. Congress's failure to [#RestoreTheVRA](#) is giving a free pass to voting discrimination.

- Voting discrimination is still an entrenched reality across the country. Congress must #RestoreTheVRA! [Image]

VOTING DISCRIMINATION

is still an
entrenched reality
across the country.

#RestoreTheVRA

- While Congress is in recess, voting discrimination is still hard at work across the country. #RestoreTheVRA! [Image]
- America's democracy is for everyone! This includes Arab-Americans and other communities of color. #RestoreTheVRA

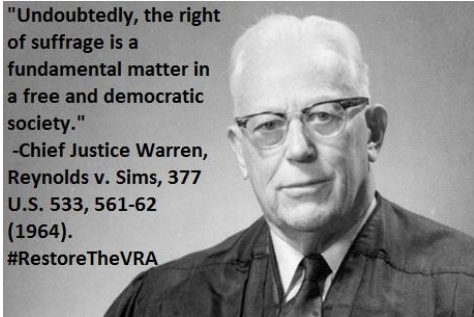


Leadership Conference Petition

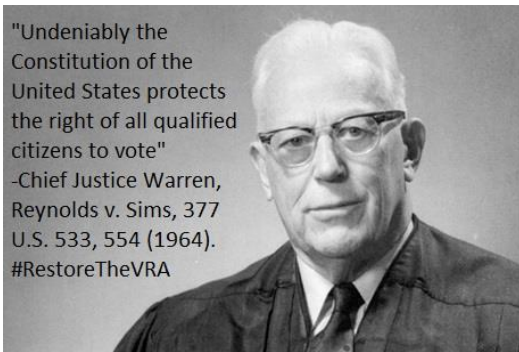
- No, racial discrimination in voting isn't over. Sign the petition and tell Congress it's time to #RestoreTheVRA: <http://bit.ly/restorethevra>
- Truly believe in the fundamental right to vote? Sign this petition and call on Congress to #RestoreTheVRA: <http://bit.ly/restorethevra>
- Sign the petition: Tell Congress the time is now to protect all voters and #RestoreTheVRA: <http://bit.ly/restorethevra>
- Thousands of Americans faced discrimination at the ballot in 2014. Tell Congress to #RestoreTheVRA today: <http://bit.ly/restorethevra>
- Stand with voting rights supporters to say: Inaction is not an option. It's time to #RestoreTheVRA! <http://bit.ly/restorethevra>
- Take Action: Tell your senators and representatives to make this August a #WorkingRecess and to #RestoreTheVRA! http://www.civilrights.org/action_center/tell-your-senators-and.html

SCOTUS quotes:

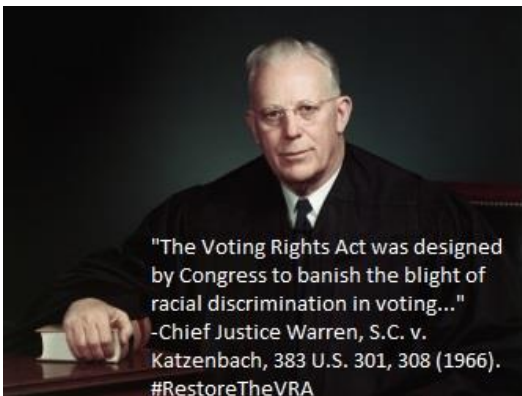
- “The right of suffrage is a fundamental matter in a free and democratic society.” #RestoreTheVRA



- “Undeniably the Constitution of the United States protects the right of all qualified citizens to vote” #RestoreTheVRA



- “The right to vote is personal.” United States v. Bathgate, 246 U.S. 220, 227 (1918). #RestoreTheVRA
- The blight of racial discrimination in voting still needs to be banished. #RestoreTheVRA



Congress quotes:

- “The vote is precious. It is almost sacred.” -@repjohnlewis #RestoreTheVRA [Quote Pic]

“
THE VOTE IS PRECIOUS.
IT IS ALMOST SACRED.
IT'S THE MOST POWERFUL NON-VIOLENT
TOOL WE HAVE IN A DEMOCRATIC
SOCIETY AND WE'VE GOT TO USE IT.

”
JOHN LEWIS
AUGUST 24, 2013



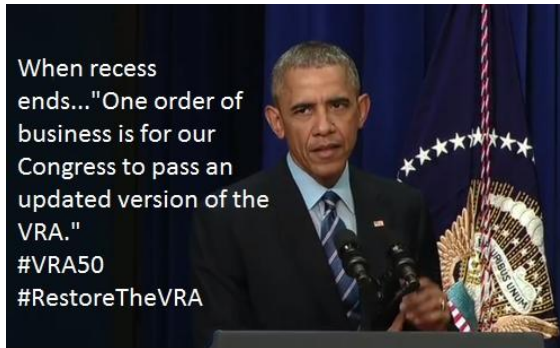
- "Voter discrimination still exists" -@JimPressOffice #RestoreTheVRA
- "I urge my colleagues to support the VRAA" -@JimPressOffice #RestoreTheVRA
- "The Voting Rights Advancement Act is a voting rights bill for all Americans" -@SenatorLeahy #RestoreTheVRA



- "Congress must restore the Voting Rights Act." -@repcnyers #RestoreTheVRA
<http://conyers.house.gov/index.cfm/press-releases?ID=BC116582-218B-48D3-9BA4-DF38C5C75493>

Obama:

- @POTUS: "One order of business is for our Congress to pass an updated version of the VRA."
#RestoreTheVRA #VRA50



Justice Summer:

- Join @NAACP @adctweets and other civil rights orgs in marching to #RestoreTheVRA from AL to DC. #JusticeSummer: <http://ow.ly/QfMwM>

VRA50 Anniversary Articles ready to tweet:

- Why the Voting Rights Act is Once Again Under Threat. #VRA50 #RestoreTheVRA http://www.nytimes.com/2015/08/06/opinion/why-the-voting-rights-act-is-once-again-under-threat.html?_r=0
- Until We Renew the VRA, the Confederate Flag, Still Symbolic, Flies Over the Nation. #FlagStillFlies #RenewVRA http://www.huffingtonpost.com/rep-hank-johnson/until-we-renew-the-vra-th_b_7896124.html
- The Real Voter Fraud is Texas' ID Law and states wasting our money defending unconstitutional laws. #RestoreTheVRA <http://www.nytimes.com/2015/08/07/opinion/the-real-voter-fraud-is-texas-id-law.html>
- The Voting Rights Act at 50: Why We Still Need It -- All of It. Congress must #RestoreTheVRA. <http://prospect.org/article/voting-rights-act-50-why-we-still-need-it-all-it>
- Steps Congress Must take to ensure true freedom: 1) Pass the Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2015 to #RestoreTheVRA. <http://blogs.reuters.com/great-debate/2015/08/05/steps-congress-must-take-to-ensure-true-freedom/>
- @SenSanders: The Fight for Voting Rights Is Our Fight Today. Congress must #RestoreTheVRA. http://www.huffingtonpost.com/bernie-sanders/the-fight-for-voting-righ_b_7942850.html
- A letter from @POTUS in @NYTmag: Congress must restore the Voting Rights Act. <http://nyti.ms/1L5jU6l> #RestoreTheVRA

More VRA Articles to tweet:

National

Washington Post Editorial: [Happy birthday to the Voting Rights Act](#)

Washington Post: [The Voting Rights Act is 50 years old. In North Carolina, its legacy hangs in the balance.](#)

Ebony News: [The Legacy of the Voting Rights Act, 50 Years Later](#)

Newsweek Op-ed: [Fifty Years On, LBJ's Voting Rights Act Is Under Attack](#)

New York Times Magazine: [What's Left of the Voting Rights Act?](#)

Huffington Post Op-ed: [The Fight for Voting Rights Is Our Fight Today](#)

Huffington Post Op-ed: [50 Years Later, Let's Renew the Voting Rights Act](#)
AsAm News Asian Americans Advancing Justice Op-ed: [50 years of the Voting Rights Act: How this landmark legislation has protected the Asian American vote](#)
HuffPo America Votes Op-ed: [Americans Should Push Back Against Voter Suppression Laws](#)
Demos Article in the Prospect: [The Voting Rights Act at 50: Why We Still Need It -- All of It](#)
New York Times Editorial: [The Real Voter Fraud Is Texas' ID Law](#)
EcoWatch: [Why the Voting Rights Act Matters for Environmentalists](#)
HuffPo League of Women Voters Op-ed: [Tell Congress to Mark the 50th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act by Restoring Its Key Protections](#)
HuffPo: [The Original Voter Suppression Data: The Numbers Behind the 1965 Voting Rights Act](#)
HuffPo ADL Op-ed: [On the 50th Anniversary of Voting Rights Act, Congress Must Legislate](#)
Huffington Post Op-ed: [Until We Renew the VRA, the Confederate Flag, Still Symbolic, Flies Over the Nation](#)
HuffPo America Votes Op-ed: [Americans Should Push Back Against Voter Suppression Laws](#)
New York Times Ari Berman Op-Ed: [Why the Voting Rights Act Is Once Again Under Threat](#)
CNN LDF Op-Ed: [Sleepy county's history of discrimination](#)
Reuters LDF Op-ed: [Steps Congress must take to ensure true freedom](#)
LA Times Op-Ed: [Rep. John Lewis and Sen. Patrick Leahy: Restore voting rights](#)
The Root LCCR Op-Ed: [The Voting Rights Act Is 50 Years Old Today. Is It on the Agenda for the Republican Debate?](#)
New York Times Editorial: [The Voting Rights Act at 50](#)
Washington Jewish Week NCJW Op-ed: [A new struggle for voting rights](#)
NYT Room for Debate: [Latino Voters Continue to Be Disenfranchised, Congress Has the Power to Improve Elections, Racial Discrimination Is Only One Threat to Elections](#)
AsAm News Asian Americans Advancing Justice Op-ed: [50 years of the Voting Rights Act: How this landmark legislation has protected the Asian American vote](#)

STATES

Alabama

Montgomery Advertiser Editorial: [Nation needs updated Voting Rights Act](#)
Al.com Op-ed: [The Voting Rights Act turns 50 -- why we must uphold its promise](#)
Montgomery Advertiser Op-ed: [Are Americans' voting rights 'separate but equal'?](#)
AL.com Op-ed: [50 years after act signed, voting rights remain at risk](#)
Selma Times-Journal Op-ed: [Still room for bigger impact from Voting Rights Act](#)
Event Coverage: [SPLC screening documentary to commemorate Voting Rights Act](#), [ASU voting rights events draws bevy of celebrities](#), [Alabama's civil rights history remembered at ASU](#),

California

CAFwd: [The Voting Rights Act Turns 50. And Also 40.](#)
Sacramento Bee Kerry Kennedy Op-ed: [Hard-won voting rights gains are under assault](#)
San Francisco Chronicle Editorial: [Voting Rights Act at 50: Still a work in progress](#)
Event Coverage: [Group reflects on Voting Rights Act in Salinas](#) , [Local advocacy groups celebrate 50th anniversary of Voting Rights Act](#) , [Feature: Civil rights activists in LA call for continued efforts to protect voting rights](#)

Delaware

News Journal Op-ed: [An American voting revolution turns 50](#)

Event Coverage: [Delaware group uses 50th anniversary of Voting Rights Act to push same day voter registration](#), [Supporters of same day voting registration in Delaware call for action on anniversary of Voting Right Act](#)

Florida

Tampa Bay Times Editorial: [Voting Rights Act is still needed](#)

Miami Herald Editorial: [Voting Rights Matter](#)

Orlando Sentinel LWV Op-ed: [Return Voting Rights Act to 1965 form](#)

Tallahassee Democrat: [Landmark 1965 Voting Rights Act faces modern challenges](#)

Georgia

Atlanta Black Star Op-ed: [Fifty Years After the Voting Rights Act, Voter Suppression Hasn't Gone Away, It's Just Gone into Stealth Mode](#)

Event Coverage: [Voting Rights Act observes 50th anniversary](#) , [Stand Up For Voter Rights: "When We Were Marching, We Didn't Have Cellphones. We Used What We Had To Bring About Change."](#), [Leaders demand a restoration of voting rights in Georgia](#), [On anniversary of Voting Rights Act, leaders call for new push](#)

Illinois

Chicago Sun-Times Op-ed: [Jesse Jackson: Amend Constitution to add a right to vote](#)

Indiana

South Bend Tribune Editorial: [Our Opinion: Update landmark civil rights law](#)

Iowa

Globe Gazette Editorial: [Voting rights act still needed in this country](#)

Des-Moines Register Op-ed: [Candidates support restricting voting](#)

Kansas

Wichita Eagle Editorial: [Voting rights vigilance](#)

Kentucky

Floyd County Times Op-ed: [To fight racism, protect the right to vote](#)

Event Coverage: [NAACP marks Voting Rights' 50th with action plan](#)

Louisiana

Event Coverage: [Amistad Research Center luncheon marks the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act](#)

Maryland

Event coverage: [Former felons, supporters plan rally to overturn Hogan veto of voting rights bill](#)

Massachusetts

Boston Herald Op-ed: [Time to expand on Voting Rights Act](#)

Michigan

Detroit Free Press Editorial: [Why the Voting Rights Act matters so much today](#)

The Detroit News Conyers Op-ed: [Conyers: Congress must restore the Voting Rights Act](#)

Event coverage: [NAACP and others lead in the fight to maintain voter rights](#) , [Groups vow action to bolster Voting Rights Act](#)

Minnesota

Minnesota Public Radio: [Voting Rights Act anniversary prompts calls for action](#)
Event Coverage: [Minnesota marks 50th anniversary of Voting Rights Act](#)

Nevada

Nevada Appeal Op-ed: [Make states abide by Voting Rights Act](#)

New Jersey

NorthJersey.com Editorial: [The Record: Voting rights](#)

NJ.com: [Voting Rights Act still needed 50 years later](#)

NJ.com: [On Voting Rights Act anniversary, time to erase felon disfranchisement laws from N.J.'s books](#)

New York

New York Law Journal AALDEF: [The Voting Rights Act 50 Years Later](#)

New York Daily News Editorial: [When democracy began: Fifty years ago this week, the Voting Rights Act transformed America for the better](#)

New York Daily News Op-Ed: [Voting against discrimination: The crucial step America took 50 years ago to affirm its democratic values is under unprecedented assault](#)

North Carolina

Charlotte Observer Editorial: [The Voting Rights Act's enduring legacy](#)

News & Observer Editorial: [Voting Rights Act marks 50 years](#)

Winston-Salem Chronicle Editorial: [50 years later, Voting Rights Act under attack](#)

News & Observer Op-ed: [50 years after the Voting Rights Act, holding fast to the power](#)

Event Coverage: [State lawmakers celebrate Voting Rights Act anniversary](#) , [Pierce marks Voting Rights Act anniversary](#) , [NAACP president says NC leaders fostering hate](#) , [Hillsborough rally protests Confederate symbols](#) , [NAACP addresses Confederate memorials at rally](#)

Ohio

IndeOnline Editorial: [Voting Rights Act turns 50](#)

Event Coverage: [50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act celebrated Thursday](#)

Oregon

Mail Tribune Editorial: [States should follow Oregon's example on voting](#)

Pennsylvania

Times Tribune Editorial: [Re-establish Voting Rights](#)

LNP Media Group/Lancaster Online Editorial: [US marks 50th anniversary of the signing of Voting Rights Act, a law we still need today](#)

South Carolina

Aiken Standard Editorial: [Looking to rejuvenate the Voting Rights Act](#)

Post and Courier: [The Voting Rights Act at 50: New threats emerge to landmark law](#)

Event Coverage: [Jesse Jackson, activists call for protecting Voting Rights Act](#) , [Voting Rights Act must be protected, SC activists say](#)

Tennessee

Commercial Appeal Op-ed: [The Voting Rights Act — 50 years on and under siege](#)

Knoxville News Sentinel: [League of Women Voters of Knoxville Column](#)

Event Coverage: ['Bloody Sunday's' youngest marcher talks voting rights in Knoxville](#) , [Big ideas from small things for child in Selma marches](#) , [Civil rights leader to speak at Beck Center today](#)

Texas

Austin American-Statesman Editorial: [Fight for voting rights continues 50 years after LBJ signed act](#)

Dallas Morning News Editorial: [Editorial: 50 years later, Congress is failing the Voting Rights Act](#)

Express-News Editorial: [Voting Rights Act, 50 years old today](#)

Waco Tribune Editorial: [Let's not battle over Confederate flags, monuments, but jointly champion equality, freedom through improved Voting Rights Act](#)

Dallas Morning News Op-ed: [Andrew Young and Martin Luther King III: Our plan to repair voting rights](#)

Waco Tribune John Lewis Op-ed: [Equity at ballot box critical to all colors of American citizens](#)

Waco Tribune Op-ed: [Andrew Young, Martin Luther King III, guest columnists: Time is long past to guarantee democracy to all Americans](#)

Waco Tribune Op-ed: [Voting Rights Act limping along on 50th anniversary](#)

Event Coverage: [Voting Rights Press Conference and Re-Enactment with Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee](#) , [Progressive National Baptist Convention, Drum Major Institute, and SCLC Partner Hold Historic Voting Rights Forum](#) , [Voting Rights Act in danger, say MLK III and Andrew Young](#) , [Hundreds Gather for Progressive National Baptist Convention, 50 years after Voting Rights Act, black churches fighting voting restrictions](#)

[NAACP marks 50 years of Voting Rights Act](#) , [Progressive National Baptists call to restore, advance voting rights](#) , [A half-century after Voting Rights Act, black religious leaders say suppression is rampant](#)

Virginia

Richmond Times-Dispatch Op-ed: [50 years into the Voting Rights Act, there's still work to do](#)

Event Coverage: [Virginia senators mark 50th anniversary of Voting Rights Act](#) , [Lynchburg commemorates Voting Rights Act, calls for voter registration push](#) , [Organizers commemorate 50th anniversary of Voting Rights Act signing](#) , [Groups honor Voting Rights Act with ceremonies](#)