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Black Leaders and Voters Support Voter ID Laws, Rejecting Democrats' Claims of Racism

Outrage from Democrats, powerful corporations, and Major League Baseball about U.S. voter ID requirements, specifically Georgia's "[Election Integrity Act of 2021](#)," feels like leftovers reheated for the third time. Whenever Republicans propose common-sense voter-ID measures to help safeguard U.S. elections, Democrats react with thundering calls of voter suppression and Jim Crow 2.0.

Indeed, from President [Joe Biden](#) to major [corporations](#) to the [Hollywood](#) elite, leftists are labeling voting reforms adopted in Georgia and other Republican-run states as voter suppression and racism. The Senate Judiciary Committee even held a [hearing](#) last week called "Jim Crow 2021: The Latest Assault on the Right to Vote."

In his [opening statement](#) of the hearings, U.S. Senate Majority Whip Dick Durbin (D-Ill.), chair of the committee, said:

Since our nation's founding, there has been an intractable conflict between champions of democracy and defenders of white supremacy.... Many of the most egregious voter suppression tactics were outlawed by civil rights legislation in the 1960s. But the insidious effort to suppress the rights of voters of color has evolved and continued — most recently through a scourge of voter suppression laws introduced in state capitols across America.... Just this year, more than 360 bills with restrictive voting provisions have been introduced in 47 states.... Make no mistake: they are a deliberate effort to suppress voters of color.

Former NFL star Burgess Owens, now a freshman congressman from Utah, [testified](#) after Durbin's deranged statement that this kind of disregard for the black people is true racism:

What I find extremely offensive is the narrative from the left that Black people are not smart enough, not educated enough, not desirous enough of education to do what every other culture and race does in this country: get an ID," Owens testified. "True racism is this: It's the projection of the Democratic Party on my proud race. It's called the soft bigotry of low expectations.

Alveda King, niece of iconic civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., went even further to [suggest](#) that elections that don't require voter ID try to erase black identities:



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When you say to me as an African American, ‘You do not need an ID. Your identity does not matter. Who cares who you are? Just show up and vote,’ you are taking away my identity.

Mark Robinson, North Carolina’s first African-American lieutenant governor remarked, “That black people can’t get an ID to vote — and quite frankly, a free ID, which the government has offered, to vote — is just absolute nonsense.... And I reject that wholeheartedly. And I believe most of the people of North Carolina do as well.”

But it isn’t just voters in North Carolina. Citizens nationwide overwhelmingly support voter ID as an election-integrity measure. A recent *Just the News-Scott Rasmussen* poll [found](#) a whopping 77 percent of Americans support mandatory voter ID, including 70 percent of Democrats and 72 percent of African-Americans. Digging deeper, the *Rasmussen Reports* [found](#) that 82 percent of other non-white minority voters support voter ID as well.

To counter the [Republican push](#) to protect future elections against fraud and falsifications, and having witnessed the [epic hack](#) of the 2020 elections that the liberal intellectuals are so proud of, Democrats are now advancing a federal elections bill, H.R. 1, which they claim will eliminate “racist” state laws. [The bill](#) passed the House without a single Republican vote and was sent to the Senate (where it is called a S.1 bill). [In reality](#), it would federalize and micromanage the election process, imposing unnecessary, unwise, and unconstitutional mandates on the states. It would also reverse the decentralization of the American election process — an essential protection of American liberty and freedom — implementing nationwide the worst changes in election rules that occurred in 2020, further damaging and eliminating basic security protocols.

Ken Blackwell, Ohio’s first African-American treasurer, former Ohio secretary of state, and former ambassador to the UN Human Rights Commission, believes that if passed, H.R. 1 would be a catastrophe. If it is enacted, “our elections will be vulnerable, as decades of good governance will be thrown out and replaced with half-baked, left-wing talking points. For example, states would be required to [implement technology](#) that doesn’t exist, nor [could they remove ineligible voters](#) from voter rolls. They would have to allow paid political operatives to [collect absentee ballots](#).”

The Democrat Party is [trying hard](#) to make Americans believe the falsehood that the entire black community stands behind them, and that black people are either opposed to voter ID or, even more offensively, that blacks are incapable of obtaining IDs. The Democrat establishment has taken it upon themselves to determine who are the “leaders” of the black community, ignoring anyone else who suggests differently — among them, many prominent [black leaders](#).

To name a few, there are civil rights legends Robert Woodson and Richard Finley; younger leaders, such as Wall Street wizard John Burnett; National Black Chamber of Commerce founders Harry and Kay Alford; Michael Murphy, political operative extraordinaire from Georgia; business and football legend Herschel Walker; Texas state Representative James White; 21-year-old West Virginia state Representative Caleb Hanna; former Florida Lieutenant Governor Jennifer S. Carroll; and U.S. Congressmen Byron Donalds (R-Fl.) and Burgess Owens (R-Ohio).

What do all these people have in common? They are all Republican. Therefore, the liberal elites don’t deem them worthy of representing the black community owing to their conservative perspectives. To rephrase a popular Biden quote, “If you have a problem figuring out if you are for H.R.1/S.1 or against it, you ain’t black.”



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