


The right to vote is precious. For it, lives have been given and lives taken, brutally. Because they lived and worked, and because they died, the right to vote is yours, and secure. Use it to win those other rights not yet yours, not yet secure. Use it for your own sake and for the sake of those who died for it. The end of injustice begins at the ballot box.



**They Died
for Your
Right
to Vote**

**THEIR VOICES
STILL SAY**

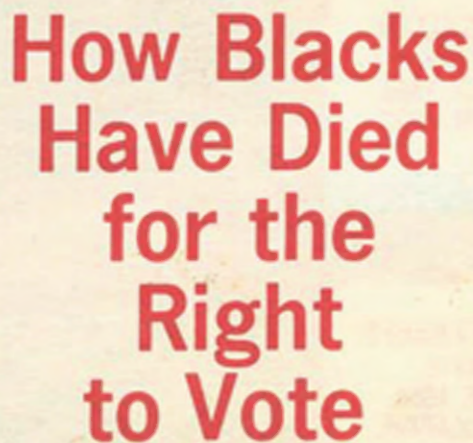
**"REGISTER
AND VOTE"**

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**BALLOTS
BULLETS**

AND

BLOOD



**How Blacks
Have Died
for the
Right
to Vote**

**THE LIST IS LONG AND TRAGIC AND BLOOD-SPATTERED THE LIST OF BLACKS
WHO HAVE DIED FOR THE RIGHT TO VOTE FOR YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE.**

**REV. DR. MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR.
SLAIN
APRIL 4, 1968
MEMPHIS, TENN.**

Nobel prize winner, first to lead southern demonstrations against racism. Leader of Selma march that brought Voting Rights Act of 1965, guaranteeing your right to vote. Shot to death by a sniper while leading yet another crusade for justice.

**VERNON DAHMER
SLAIN
JAN. 10, 1966
HATTIESBURG,
MISS.**

Former president, Forrest County, Miss., NAACP, active in registration campaign in hard-core, hard-nosed Mississippi. He paid for it with his life at the hands of night-riders with fire-bombs.

**JIMMIE LEE
JACKSON
SLAIN
FEB. 1965
MARION, ALA.**

Wounded February 14 while attempting to protect his mother from being beaten by an Alabama state trooper following police invasion of a voter registration rally in Marion, Ala. He died 12 days later.

**LOUIS ALLEN
SLAIN
JAN. 31, 1964
LIBERTY, MISS.**

Active in a drive to register Negroes. He was a possible federal witness in the 1961 slaying of Herbert Lee, another registration worker. Allen's life had been threatened many times. On Jan. 31, 1964, he was shot to death in the driveway of his home.

**JAMES CHANEY
SLAIN
JUNE, 1964
PHILADELPHIA,
MISS.**

Along with white co-workers Michael Schwerner and Andrew Goodman, James Chaney was working in a summer campaign to register Negroes in Mississippi. All were murdered. Their bodies—shot and beaten—were found inside a dam.

**MEDGAR W. EVERS
SLAIN
JUNE 12, 1963
JACKSON, MISS.**

NAACP Field Secretary and a World War II veteran, Evers was a leader in the south for Negro registration and for equality in all fields. He was shot down from ambush in front of his home.

**HERBERT LEE
SLAIN
JULY, 1961
LIBERTY, MISS.**

A representative of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), Lee had been active in the early voter registration efforts in Mississippi. For exercising his rights as a citizen—and urging others to exercise theirs—he was shot to death.

**REV.
GEORGE W. LEE
SLAIN
MAY 7, 1956
BELZONI, MISS.**

President of the Belzoni NAACP, Rev. Lee was the first Negro ever to register to vote in his county. He refused to remove his name from the voter rolls when racists demanded it. He was killed for this.

**LAMAR SMITH
SLAIN
AUG. 13, 1955
BROOKHAVEN,
MISS.**

Killed in broad daylight in front of the county courthouse. He had been active in urging Negroes to register and vote.

**WHITES TOO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES
FOR THE RIGHT OF BLACKS TO VOTE**

**REV. JAMES J. REEB
SLAIN MARCH 11, 1965 SELMA, ALA.**

**MRS. VIOLA LIUZZO
SLAIN MARCH 25, 1965 SELMA, ALA.**

**MICHAEL SCHWERNER
ANDREW GOODMAN
SLAIN JUNE, 1964 PHILADELPHIA, MISS.**