



“DEMOCRACY IS NOT A STATE.

IT IS AN ACT...



Former President Barack Obama and former First Lady Michelle Obama join Rep. John Lewis, former President George W. Bush, and former First Lady Laura Bush during a walk across Edmund Pettus Bridge to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the “Bloody Sunday” march from Selma to Montgomery, in Selma, Alabama, Saturday, March 7, 2015. (Official White House Photo by Pete Souza)

...EACH GENERATION MUST DO ITS PART."

—Rep. John Lewis

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In Rep. John Lewis' 2020 essay *Together, You Can Redeem the Soul of Our Nation*, the late Georgia congressman channeled the legacy of his mentor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. when he said, "Ordinary people with extraordinary vision can redeem the soul of America by getting in what I call good trouble, necessary trouble. Voting and participating in the democratic process are key. **The vote is the most powerful nonviolent change agent you have in a democratic society.** You must use it because it is not guaranteed. You can lose it."

As Dr. King said in 1963, "**This is the time for vigorous and positive action.**" In 2021, join our movement for "Democracy in Action" by:

- › demanding our leaders **extend and expand** pro-voter policies from 2020;
- › advocating for **fair voting maps** in an independent and transparent redistricting process;
- › **listening to communities of color**, which disproportionately face racial bias and limits to voting access, and **building connection to what's on the ballot in this year's local elections.**

Learn more ways to be a part of "Democracy in Action" at demnc.co/democracyaction.

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