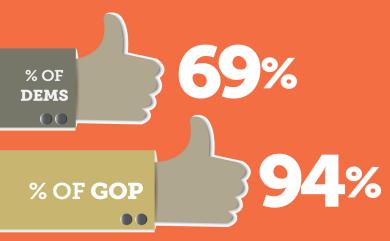
What you might not have known about

THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965

The Radiance Foundation celebrates one of the most significant pieces of civil rights legislation which was signed into law on August 6, 1965 to reinforce and expand what had already been made law by the 15th Amendment. No one could use racial discrimination to prevent Americans from voting. Violators would be prosecuted. The Voting Rights Act, or VRA, was justice that was long overdue.

WHO VOTED **FOR** IT?



(SENATE VOTES)

SOURCE: www.govtrack.us/congress/votes/89-1965/s78

IT BANNED EUGENICS-BASED LITERACY TESTS AS A PREREQUISITE TO VOTE.

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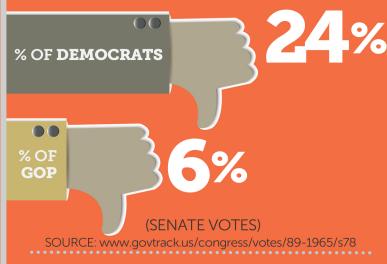
This is an actual question (1 of 30) on a 1964 Louisiana Literacy Test. Hopeful voters had only 10 minutes to answer all questions correctly.

IT GAVE AUTHORITY TO
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TO PROSECUTE

THOSE WHO USED POLL TAXES TO VIOLATE THE VRA.



WHO VOTED **AGAINST** IT?



THE 15TH AMENDMENT
ALREADY GAVE BLACK
MEN THE RIGHT TO VOTE.
WHO VOTED FOR THAT?

% OF DEMS (HOUSE VOTES)

% OF REPUBLICANS

80%

SOURCE: www.govtrack.us/congress/votes/40-3/h647

SOME IN CONGRESS DIDN'T LIKE THE AMENDMENT TO THE VRA WHICH PUNISHED THOSE USING POLL TAXES.

% OF **DEMS** 54%

22%

% OF GOP

(SENATE VOTES)



SOURCE: www.govtrack.us/congress/votes/89-1965/s56