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Political Cartoon The Importance of Voting By Chuck Siler, Carrollton TX

WHY THE VOTE IS IMPORTANT...



LYNDON B. JOHNSON TO HUBERT JOHNSON, 1964

"THE THING THAT WE'VE GOT TO DO IS GET THESE BLACKS THE RIGHT TO VOTE. WHEN THEY'VE GOT THAT VOTE POWER THERE WILL BE NO MORE OF THIS SEGREGATION AROUND HERE.

THAT'S WHAT WILL SHAPE UP ALL THESE PEOPLE IN CONGRESS, BECAUSE THEY'VE GOT THE SWING VOTE.

NOW YOU FELLOWS ARE TRYING TO GET THEM PUBLIC ACCOMODATIONS. YOU WANT THEM TO RIDE IN A BUS BUT WHAT THEY NEED IS THE VOTE. THAT'S WHAT I'M GOING TO GET THEM. I'M GOING TO GET THEM THE VOTE POWER. WHEN THEY GET THE VOTE POWER, THEY GOT THE POWER. YOU WAIT AND SEE. IN ANY STATE WHERE THE BLACKS HAVE GOT THE VOTE POWER, YOU'LL SEE THEIR SENATORS ARE MUCH MORE WILLING TO LISTEN TO THEIR REQUESTS."

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