

FACT SHEET: **Supreme Court Case** ***Louisiana v. Callais***

What's the Case?

- ➔ Black Louisianians, who make up one-third of the state's population, organized, legislated, and litigated for years for **the promise of a fair and representative congressional map.**
- ➔ **Finally, they won this fight** and achieved a map with two districts where Black voters had a real opportunity to elect their candidates of choice
- ➔ Now, **opponents of Louisiana's congressional map** — and the State itself — are trying to contort a case challenging that map into an outright attack on the VRA.
- ➔ SCOTUS heard arguments in March 2025 and has now ordered re-arguments for October 15, 2025, specifically to address the question of whether the “intentional creation of a second majority-minority congressional district violates the Fourteenth or Fifteenth Amendments.”

Why it Matters

- ➔ **Section 2 of the VRA is at stake.**
It was designed to stop vote dilution and ensure communities of color can elect representatives of their choice. Weakening it would strip away one of the last remaining protections of the VRA.
- ➔ **The Constitution is being flipped.**
The 14th and 15th Amendments were written to protect Black voters after the Civil War. Now, they're being reinterpreted to protect those already in power and undermine equal representation.
- ➔ **Louisiana sets the precedent.**
A ruling against Black voters could open the door for states nationwide to eliminate majority-minority districts, dismantling decades of civil rights progress.

Main Takeaways

- ➔ **Representation is Citizenship.** If Black voters cannot elect candidates of choice, then representation is incomplete — and democracy is weakened.
- ➔ **60 Years Later, Still Fighting.** On the 60th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act, the very protections people died for remain under attack. We cannot let history repeat itself.
- ➔ **Protect the Promise.** The 14th and 15th Amendments were written to defend the rights of formerly enslaved people and their descendants. They must not be weaponized against these very communities.
- ➔ **Fighting for Fair Maps.** This is not about partisanship — it's about fairness, equality, and rules that everyone can trust.

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