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Black Republican Leaders Blast Stacey Abrams in Letter Supporting Voter ID

A group of prominent black leaders, including Representative Burgess Owens (R-Utah), signed and <u>published a letter</u> arguing in favor of voter-ID laws, stating that most black Americans agree with such policies, despite common Democratic talking points to the contrary.

Joined by the likes of former Florida Lieutenant Governor Jennifer Carroll and 1776 United President Robert Woodson of the <u>Woodson Center</u>, Owens wrote of the intellectual and philosophical diversity of blacks in the United States, which the mainstream media allegedly ignores by depicting the black community and leftist ideology as inseparable. The letter states:



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According to liberal orthodoxy, all Blacks think alike, and all Blacks support Black Lives Matter, and all Blacks oppose the recently enacted Georgia Election Integrity Act," the letter's signatories wrote. "To the contrary, a <u>recent</u> Rasmussen Reports poll found that 69% of Blacks and 82% of nonwhite minorities support voter ID. Another <u>poll</u> taken even more recently by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* found that a full two-thirds of Blacks in Georgia support voter ID. The data seems clear: A majority of Black Americans support voter ID laws.

The document goes on to explain that the voting rights of black Americans have been won through enormous effort and are best protected through voter ID, which ensures black votes are not made null and void by voter fraud. Black Republican leaders are taking issue with those who "pretend that Black people are either opposed to voter ID or, even more offensively, that Blacks are incapable of obtaining IDs."

Owens and his peers suggest that elites, "most of whom are white," determine who the "leaders" of the black community are allowed to be and are "ignoring anyone else who suggests differently." The letter continues, "If corporate America wants to be truly woke, they must wake up to the fact that activists like Stacey Abrams — and Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton before her — absolutely do not represent the Black community; they represent the membership of their radical activist organizations and the interests of white elites, who are eager to open our borders wide and send more jobs overseas regardless of the effects these disastrous policies have on the Black community."

The group also points out the hypocrisy of Democrat politicians and corporations against voter ID, noting that identification is required to board an airplane, pick up a package from a mail carrier, purchase alcohol, and even visit the president at the White House.

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The authors conclude:

We don't need media-appointed Black leaders chosen for us. We definitely don't need mediaappointed Black leaders who care more about the Democrat Party and radical left-wing policy projects than they do the real needs and opinions of the Black community.

Democrats, the mainstream media, and big corporations have taken aim in recent days at state efforts to stop voter fraud through measures such as voter ID and tightening mail-in voting procedures. Georgia's <u>election reform law</u>, in particular, has been the subject of scorn from the Left. Although President Trump <u>called the legislation</u> "watered-down" and "too weak," companies such as Delta Airlines and Coca Cola nonetheless condemned it for allegedly restricting the voting rights of blacks. Major League Baseball even pulled the All Star game from Atlanta.

On Wednesday, <u>hundreds of corporations signed a letter</u> denouncing legislation that restricts "any eligible voter from having an equal and fair opportunity to cast a ballot." The signatories of that letter include General Motors, Netflix, Starbucks, Amazon, BlackRock, Google, and Berkshire Hathaway CEO Warren Buffett.

As *The New American* has <u>reported</u>, joining in the fight against Republican election-integrity bills are Wall Street firms and attorneys at some of the nation's top law offices. These firms are working with the Brennan Center for Justice, which is heavily funded by billionaire George Soros. In 2019, the Brennan Center for Justice took money from not only Soros's Open Society Foundations but from the Ford Foundation; Bank of America; the Tides Foundation; Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP; PayPal; JPMorgan Chase; Microsoft; PepsiCo; and Comcast NBCUniversal.

The center's effort involves targeting state legislators in Georgia, Texas, New Hampshire, Florida, Michigan, and Arizona to stop "voter suppressive bills," which includes legislation mandating ID to vote.

A <u>Students for a Democratic Society</u> radical once aptly wrote, "The issue is never the issue. The issue is always the revolution." Right now, the issue is purportedly protecting blacks' voting rights. But the true issue is facilitating voter fraud — fraud of which some of the greatest victims are black Americans.



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