## "IF YOU DON'T VOTE, YOU DON'T COUNT"

"If you don't vote, you don't count" was both the credo and the epitaph of Vernon Ferdinard Dahmer, Sr., president of the Hattiesburg, Mississippi, NAACP, who was murdered by the Ku Klux Klan on January 10, 1966.

Democrats outnumber Republicans both locally and nationally, but we lose elections we should be winning easily because Republicans turn out in greater numbers than Democrats. This is especially true in midterm elections. Too many people have died fighting for the right to vote for anyone to sit home again. Get yourself registered if you're not already, make sure your friends are registered, and get out and get them out to vote.

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