

The Honorable John R. Lewis
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“Making Their Voices Heard”

The Honorable John R. Lewis describes the potential for popular protest to shape decisions on Capitol Hill.

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Without social movement, without people speaking out, making their voices heard, without moving their feet, sometimes Congress is reluctant to move or to act. Now one thing about elected officials, and I think the Voting Rights Act proved that, they can count, they're good on counting. They can change their minds, their attitudes. They can get religion pretty quick.