

# American Blackout

**American Blackout** chronicles the recurring patterns of disenfranchisement witnessed from 2000 to 2004 while following the story of Georgia Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney, who not only took an active role in investigating these election debacles but also found herself in the middle of one after publicly questioning the Bush Administration about the 9-11 terrorist attacks. **American Blackout** examines the contemporary tactics used to control our democratic process and silence political dissent. The film highlights the critical importance of black voters in our national elections and reveals systematic attempts to neutralize them. It raises important questions for the coming election in which McKinney-Clemente will vie with Obama-Biden in the race for president.

The film features interviews with: John Lewis, John Conyers, Bernie Sanders, Stephanie Tubbs-Jones, Christopher Edley, Greg Palast, and Van Jones. Music for the film has been provided by DJ Shadow, Soulsavers and Thievery Corporation, and includes original music composed by Michael Bearden and Mark Batson.

Director Ian Inaba of Guerrilla Network News, organized **Video the Vote** after the film's release and has inspired thousands of volunteers who will be monitoring the 2008 election next month.

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