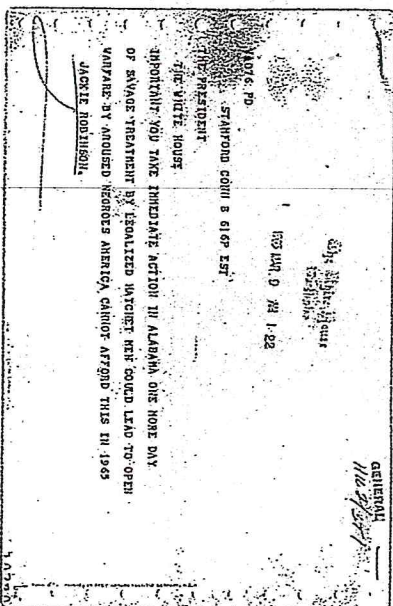


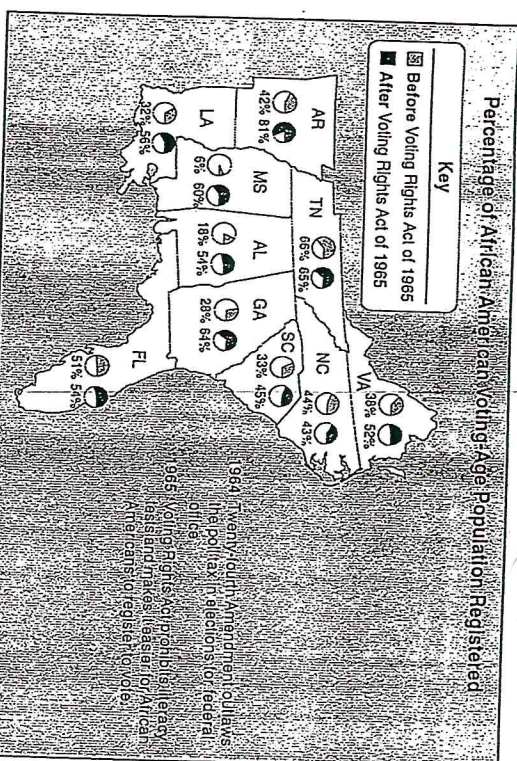
**Directions:** This telegram was sent on March 8, 1965, by Jackie Robinson, the first African American to play in regular major league baseball in the 20th century.

He was an outstanding player from 1947 to 1957 and became a champion of civil rights. Use the information in the telegram and your knowledge of U.S. history to answer the questions.



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1. "Legalized hatchet men" refers to
  - A federal marshals.
  - B SNCC workers.
  - C police in Selma, Alabama.
  - D freedom riders.
2. The violence Robinson is referring to was a result of
  - A freedom riders trying to integrate buses.
  - B James Meredith's integration of the University of Mississippi.
  - C Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech.
  - D a drive to register African American voters in Selma.
3. What piece of federal legislation followed the events Jackie Robinson is referring to?
  - A Voting Rights Act of 1965
  - B Civil Rights Act of 1957
  - C Civil Rights Act of 1964
  - D Civil Rights Act of 1968
4. What is it that America could NOT afford in 1965?
  - A continued denial of African American rights
  - B violence against African Americans by police
  - C warfare between blacks and whites
  - D All of the above
5. What right were African-Americans fighting for during this event?
6. Who was Jackie Robinson sending this telegram to? Why?
7. How do you think President Johnson should have responded to this telegram?



- 1.) What is the main topic of this map?
- 2.) Why was this law necessary in 1965?
- 3.) What are the titles given to the two statistics highlighted in the map's key?
- 4.) Imagine that the Voting Rights Act of 1965 had been voted down by Congress. How might the percentage of African Americans registered to vote in 1965 have been different than what is depicted on the map? Explain
- 5.) In your opinion which of the two pieces of Civil Rights legislation highlighted on the map had the greatest impact in opening up the ability to vote for any American regardless of color or race? Please justify your response