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Black youth activists across the country have had a busy summer — protesting the George Zimmerman verdict, helping ensure that everyone has an equal opportunity to vote, and fighting against policies like stop and frisk and Stand Your Ground. As the nation celebrates the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington, young black activists gathered at the Mall in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, not only to commemorate the past, but to strategize about how to create a better future. In this short video filmed at the [Black Youth Vote!](#) pre-march rally and the [Realize the Dream March](#) on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, black youth explain what brought them to nation's capital and why their voices matter in the 21st-century struggle for civil rights.

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