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After André Leon Talley, Reflecting on Fashion's Racial Struggle

The loss of the pioneering Black editor, like that of Virgil Abloh, leads creatives to take stock of fashion's progress and pitfalls



André Leon Talley in New York in 2010. *Photographer: Jemal Countess/Getty Images*

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To many, the fashion editor André Leon Talley, who died [Jan. 18](#) at 73, was singular. His knowledge of fashion history, his kindness in a notoriously relentless industry, and his love of glamour could not be beat. And throughout his career, which began with an internship at Andy Warhol's Interview magazine and included roles at Women's Wear Daily, W and Vogue, he was also one of the few Black people