

VOTING RIGHTS RESOURCES

GENERAL RESOURCES



ACLU: What To Do When You Are Faced With Voter Intimidation

ACLU's step-by-step guide to voter suppression and how individuals should handle being confronted by voter intimidation.

The Voting Rights Alliance

The Voting Rights Alliance VRA looks to address issues of voter suppression across the country, particularly in the South.

The Dismantling Of The Voting Rights Act

Information brief from the Scholar Strategy Network that identifies the history of the Voting Rights Act, the gutting of Section 4 of the Act through the Shelby v. Holder ruling, and its future impact on voters.

Voter Suppression: How Bad? (Pretty Bad)

Outlines the state of voting rights before the 2014 Election; 22 states enacted harsher legislation than in the 2010 midterms. This legislation includes provisions that: make voter ID laws more strict, cutback early voting and voter registration opportunities.

VOTING RIGHTS & MARGINALIZED GROUPS

The War On Voting Is A War On Women

Summary on how voter suppression disproportionately impacts women; including the fact that women make up the majority of student voters, elderly voters, and minority voters and only 66% of women have access to ID with their current name.

In NC, Voter Suppression Hits Women & People of Color Hardest.

Uses North Carolina as a case study to illustrate that women and people of color are the most impacted by Voter Suppression Laws

How The Voting Rights Act Hurts Democrats And Minorities

Summarizes how the conservative lawmakers have benefitted from the VRA; using provisions in the law to draw majority-minority districts for GOP advantage.

Even Without Voter ID Laws, Minority Voters Face More Hurdles to Casting Ballots

Details how minority voting districts intentionally limit resources to suppress the vote; limited polling location, voter machines, and poll staff create longer lines, thus adds an additional layer of challenge to the voting process.

VOTER ID LAWS

Voter ID—The Disproportionate Impact On Women

A summary of how Voter ID laws impact women voters, comparing attempts at suppressing voting populations to the Jim Crow Era.

Citizens Without Proof: Voting Rights & Election Series A Survey Of Americans' Possession Of Documentary Proof Of Citizenship And Photo Identification

Survey results cite barriers to voting, including: income and access to citizenship documents with current name.

SHELBY V. HOLDER

Oyez Overview: Shelby County v. Holder

An overview of the 2013 Shelby case, providing a look at the background of the case, the decision and its implications for the future.

Justice Ginsburg Dissent In Shelby v. Holder Is A Big Middle Finger To The Conservative Money

Overview and support of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, dissenting opinion in Shelby v. Holder

How Did The 'Shelby County v. Holder' Supreme Court Decision Change Voting Rights Laws?

Article discussing the implications of Shelby v. Holder on state voting rights, highlighting some of the major issues that have come out of the ruling.

RACIAL GERRYMANDERING

How Racial Gerrymandering Deprives Black People of Political Power

A comprehensive look at racial gerrymandering from a contemporary lens. The article examines how racial gerrymandering works, the areas where it is most likely to occur, and its effect on Black voters.

The Atlantic: The League of Dangerous Mapmakers

A profile on Tom Hofeller, a member of the RNC and the orchestrator behind redistricting across the country.

U.S. Supreme Court May Finally Define Racial Gerrymandering In Cases From The South

Article focuses on Bethune-Hill v. Virginia Board of Elections, the ambiguity of state jurisdiction, and the effect of racial gerrymandering on the political structure of NC

Think Progress: Alabama Found Guilty of Racial Gerrymandering.

An overview of the decision in the case of Alabama Legislative Black Caucus (ALBC) v. The State of Alabama. In the case, the ALBC accused GOP legislatures of redrawing the specific districts in a case of racial gerrymandering. The state of Alabama was found guilty.

Bethune-Hill v. Virginia Board of Elections

Brennan Center for Justice's overview of the case, Bethune-Hill v. Virginia Board of Elections including the case description and links to court documents.

McCrorry v. Harris.

SCOTUS blog overview of the case, McCrorry v. Harris, with a detailed timeline of key decisions.

Eric Holder To Lead Democrats' Attack On Republican Gerrymandering.

Overview of the creation of the DNC's National Democratic Redistricting Committee: how it was formed, why it is necessary, what they hope to accomplish, and Eric Holder's influence over the initiative.

The Justices Tackle Racial Gerrymandering

Article from The Economist on the aftermath of Shelby v. Holder. According to Breyer, the 'hope' that the decision would alleviate the court's overview of issues of racial gerrymandering has become progressively worse, as the court's are now inundated with allegations of racial gerrymandering from across the country.

Strategic Manipulation Of District Boundaries Dilutes The Black Vote And Threatens The Existence Of White Democrats In Southern Politics.

The study examines the effects of racial gerrymandering using the case study of South Carolina. Looking at the 2014 elections, author Damion Wayner examines the disproportionate reflect of Black constituents in South Carolina versus their representation in legislation.

Three Tests For Practical Evaluation Of Partisan Gerrymandering

This study published in the Stanford Law Review takes a look at partisan-gerrymandering, its origins, and ultimately how it privileges the Republican party. Applying judicial precedent, the author, identifies three tests for accurately evaluating if a state and its legislators have enacted partisan gerrymandering.