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Election Experts Available: State Races

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For journalists looking for expert sources to comment on specific state midterm election results, the following scholars are available for comment:

California

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Expert on race and incumbency in local and state level elections. Can comment on California races.

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Expert on how African Americans, Latinos, Asian Americans, Native Americans, and Whites voted in 60+ battleground congressional districts and six key states (Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Nevada, Texas). Can comment on California races.

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Expert on immigration. Can comment on proposed changes to birthright citizenship, changes to public charge rule, and anything border-related, especially the deployment of active-duty military. Can comment on Florida elections.

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Expert on election law and Constitutional law. Can comment on money in politics, voting rights and elections both nationally and in Florida, especially Amendment 4.

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Expert on race and politics. Can comment on the governor races in Maryland, Georgia, and Florida as well as national legislature election results.

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Expert on gender gap in voting, gender gap in public opinion, voter evaluations of women candidates. Can comment on Georgia gubernatorial race.

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Expert on political polarization, elections and voting rights. Can comment on Georgia elections.

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Expert on campaign strategy, partisanship in voting, electioneering, campaign finance, and messaging. Can comment on elections in Kansas and Georgia.

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Expert on how public policy influences issues related to health care, immigration, and race. Can comment on Massachusetts elections.

Pennsylvania

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Experts on women candidates in Pennsylvania. Can comment on Pennsylvania races.

Texas

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Expert on healthcare and the election. Can comment on the human impacts of the Medicaid expansion initiatives on state ballots, healthcare reform generally. Can comment on Texas elections.

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Expert on gender in elections. Can comment on Texas races.