

Georgia - Communicating Local Election Processes to Build Trust

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Project Objective:

In collaboration with researchers at Emory University, the project highlights recent changes in Georgia's election and voting laws. Launching an "observatory of local elections" in DeKalb County, the project brings together a diverse collection of citizens including community leaders, students, researchers and local election officials to discuss and promote the public's confidence in election integrity through diverse communication efforts.



Media Coverage

[The Conversation: Georgia's GOP overhauled the state's election laws in 2021 – and critics argue the target was Black voter turnout, not election fraud | Opinion](#)

Parts of SB 202 have drawn especially strong charges of racism from Black voters, Democrats and [voting rights activists](#). By [Richard Doner](#).



[The Atlanta Journal-Constitution: Voter challenges have troubling history in Ga. | Opinion](#)

Interfering with the constitutional right to vote was wrong in 1946 and it would be wrong now. Hopefully, history is not repeating itself. But knowing Georgia's past should make us wary of following an old pattern. By [Richard Doner](#).



[The Atlanta Journal-Constitution: Multistate system helps secure Georgians' votes | Opinion](#)

Several features of Georgia's electoral arrangements have come under criticism as potential tools of voter suppression or election fraud. By [Richard Doner](#).

Project Leaders

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