Americans Support Commonsense Election Laws

Commonsense election safeguards enjoy widespread support from the American people, who want our laws to make it easy to vote but hard to cheat.

Americans Want Safe and Fair Elections

- The vast majority of Americans support commonsense safeguards to protect our elections.
- 64% of Americans want to strengthen election safeguards while only 21% prefer to roll back safeguards to make it “easier” to vote, according to a recent poll.
  - Support for election safeguards spans across all ideologies and demographics, including 51% of African American voters and 66% of Hispanic voters.
- While some have been quick to demonize voter ID laws, the American people see voter ID requirements as easy, commonsense rules that protect their vote.
  - Over three-quarters (77%) of Americans support photo ID requirements according to a poll commissioned by Honest Elections Project Action (HEP Action).
  - A poll by Rasmussen found that 75% of likely voters say ID laws are necessary to a “fair and secure election process,” including 65% of Democrats and 70% of Moderates.
  - 85% of Americans say voter ID requirements are “common sense,” according to a FreedomWorks/Scott Rasmussen poll.
  - 72% of the public say photo ID requirements increase their confidence in our elections according to the FreedomWorks/Scott Rasmussen poll.
- Despite the partisan rhetoric, safeguards like voter ID do not have a negative impact on minority voter turnout and actually enjoy widespread support from minority voters.
  - 64% of Black, 77% of Hispanic, and 76% of low-income voters say it isn’t a “burden.”
  - Voter ID requirements enjoy strong support from young voters, seniors, African Americans, and Hispanics.
  - Studies show that voter ID requirements do not actually negatively impact minority voter turnout in elections.
  - Pew labeled the 2018 electorate “the most racially and ethnically diverse ever” while 2020 turnout soared to levels not seen in over a century—with voter ID laws in 36 states.
- Safeguards around mail-in voting are not only important for our elections, but also enjoy widespread support from the American people.
  - 74% of Americans support requiring all mailed ballots be received by election day.
  - 66% of Americans support applying voter ID requirements to absentee ballots.
  - 62% of Americans think vote trafficking, or ballot harvesting, should be illegal. Only 11% support the tactic.
- When you cut through the noise and look at the facts, the evidence shows that the recent efforts to strengthen election security are clearly in the mainstream.

Separating Fact from Fiction on State Election Laws

- While there has been a lot of partisan attacks and heightened rhetoric around the new law in Georgia and proposed laws in other states, it is important to separate fact from fiction.
- The truth is that Georgia’s election law is reasonable, mainstream, and contains many similarities to laws in blue states that have been controlled by Democrats for years.
- Despite inaccurate claims about voting access, Georgia is actually offering nearly double the early voting days offered in states like New York and New Jersey.
• While progressive activists have attacked Georgia’s voter ID and early voting rules, President Joe Biden’s home state of Delaware also requires ID and hasn’t offered early voting yet.
• States like New York and Delaware require voters to provide an excuse to be allowed to vote absentee, while Georgia offers no-expect absentee voting.

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**Sorting Through the Myths and Misinformation**

• Dire rhetoric and false cries of Jim Crow 2.0 do not serve the public interest. Unfortunately, misleading narratives and politicized double standards are the norm in the election debate.
  - The Washington Post gave President Joe Biden four Pinnochios for repeatedly claiming, falsely, that Georgia’s new law closes polls early to stop working people from voting.
  - Sen. Raphael Warnock signed a letter falsely claiming that Georgia ended no-excuse absentee voting, fully five days after the law was passed.
  - Stacey Abrams demonized Georgia’s Republican-led reforms “Jim Crow in a suit and tie,” but praised New Jersey Democrats for a law offering 8 fewer days of early voting.
• Boycotting states over popular voting reforms is unpopular. A Rasmussen polls finds a majority of voters oppose the Georgia boycott.
• Following the 2016 election, politicians and activists spread distrust in the results.
  - Hillary Clinton claimed her opponent Donald Trump was an “illegitimate” president and had stolen the election.
  - Nancy Pelosi stated in 2017 that the election had been “hijacked.”
  - Dozens of Democrats refused to attend the inauguration in 2017.
• Liberals lauded then-gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams in 2018 for refusing to concede and challenging the results of the election.
  - Abrams stated in 2019, a year after the election, that “concession in the political space is an acknowledgment that the process was fair and I don't believe that to be so.”