

# Political Participation of African Americans

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## Gerrymandering

Define the process of Gerrymandering (review question).

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Despite the ruling in Shaw v. Reno making racial gerrymandering illegal, how does it still exist?

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What impact does gerrymandering have on minorities voting power?

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Explain why politicians go about diluting the voting power of minorities.

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## Voter ID Laws

Why do some states advocate for voter ID laws?

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Which economic population do voter ID laws impact most? Why?

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How do the factors identified in the previous question adversely impact black communities?

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## Poll Closures

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What are some causes of poll closures?

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Which racial/ethnic groups are most inclined to use public transportation? Why would they be most affected by poll closures?

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How do poll closures cause a ripple effect of problems for voters?  
What other problems can occur?

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Which population is most commonly incarcerated?

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What are some of the strictest rules regarding felon disenfranchisement? Name some states who employ these rules.

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What are some reasons provided to support felon disenfranchisement?

*Focus on the source: "Felon Voting Disenfranchisement".*

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How does felon disenfranchisement adversely impact the black