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BLACK WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE ISSUES

HEALTHCARE — Polling data from the survey of Black women voters in Georgia reveals that healthcare is a significant concern for this demographic, mainly due to their experiences with racial and gender bias in the medical system. A majority of Black women (58%) reported having felt the effects of such biases, highlighting deep-seated issues within the healthcare system. This concern is closely tied to the principles of reproductive justice, which advocates for the right to have children, or not to have children, and parent the children we have in safe and supportive environments. The survey shows that recent abortion bans have profoundly impacted many women of reproductive age, with 77% feeling less safe and reconsidering major life decisions. This connection between healthcare concerns and reproductive justice underscores the importance of ensuring equitable access to comprehensive, bias-free health services, particularly in a state like Georgia, where restrictive laws have intensified the challenges Black women face. (Source: IOOV 2024 Survey)

COST OF LIVING/HOUSING COSTS — The survey data reveals that Black women voters in Georgia are significantly concerned about the cost of living and housing costs, which are among the top issues when thinking about getting out to vote. Economic challenges, including inflation and rising housing costs, are pressing issues that directly affect their day-to-day lives. This financial strain is particularly severe for those with lower incomes, who often find it difficult to secure affordable housing and maintain their standard of living. These economic concerns are deeply intertwined with the principles of reproductive justice, which emphasize the right to raise families in safe and economically stable environments. When housing and basic living costs are a struggle, the ability to make free and informed choices about family planning and child-rearing becomes compromised. Ensuring that Black women have access to affordable housing and economic stability is thus not only a matter of economic policy, but also a critical aspect of reproductive justice. (Source: IOOV 2024 Survey)

VOTING RIGHTS — The survey highlights that voting rights and the protection of democracy are top priorities for Black women voters in Georgia. Concerns about voting rights are particularly salient given the history of voter suppression in the state and the importance of ensuring that Black communities have equitable access to the ballot. The protection of voting rights is crucial for maintaining the power of Black women to influence policies that directly affect their lives, including those related to healthcare, economic justice, and reproductive rights. When voting rights are under threat, so are the policies that support the well-being and autonomy of Black women and their families. Therefore, safeguarding voting rights is not only about preserving democracy, but it's also about ensuring that Black women have the agency to advocate for the full spectrum of their reproductive justice needs. (Source: IOOV 2024 Survey)

RACISM/RACIAL JUSTICE — The survey data underscores that racism and racial justice are among the most critical concerns for Black women voters in Georgia. These voters have repeatedly experienced the effects of systemic racism, whether in the workplace, in the healthcare system, or within broader societal structures. This ongoing struggle for racial justice is fundamentally linked to the principles of reproductive justice, which advocate for the right to live and raise families in an environment free from discrimination and violence. Black women face unique challenges due to the intersection of race and gender, making it essential that racial justice is at the forefront of policy discussions. Addressing systemic racism is crucial for ensuring that Black women can make empowered choices about their reproductive lives, and parent their children in communities where they are valued and protected. The pursuit of racial justice is, therefore, inseparable from the broader fight for reproductive justice. (Source: IOOV 2024 Survey)

QUESTIONS

These questions are designed to prompt candidates to address the key concerns of Black women voters in Georgia while emphasizing the importance of reproductive justice in policy platforms.

- How do you plan to address the racial and gender biases in the healthcare system that disproportionately affect Black women, particularly in maternal and reproductive healthcare?
- What specific policies will you advocate for to ensure that Black women have access to affordable and safe housing, recognizing that economic stability is crucial for reproductive justice?
- Given the recent restrictions on abortion in Georgia, what will you do to protect and expand access to comprehensive reproductive health services?
- How will you work to safeguard and expand voting rights in Georgia, particularly for Black communities, understanding that political power is essential for advancing reproductive justice?
- What is your plan to combat systemic racism and ensure racial justice, recognizing that the fight for racial equity is deeply connected to the ability of Black women to make empowered reproductive choices?
- How do you propose to support Black women in Georgia in overcoming economic challenges, such as the rising cost of living and housing, so that they can make free and informed decisions about their families and futures?

YOUR RIGHTS

It's illegal to intimidate voters and a federal crime to "intimidate, threaten, [or] coerce ... any other person for the purpose of interfering with the right of [that] other person to vote or to vote as she may choose."

What to do if you experience voter intimidation:

- Report intimidation to the Election Protection Hotline at 1-866-OUR-VOTE or 1-888-VE-Y-VOTA (en Español).
- Report intimidation to your local election officials. Their offices will be open on Election Day.

GEORGIA 2024 VOTING GUIDELINES

This Voter Guide is intended to be used solely for educational purposes and is not meant to support or oppose any candidate or political party. Any use of this Voter Guide should be for 501(c)(3)-compliant purposes only. This Voter Guide shall not be used for any partisan, political, or electioneering activities by any organization or individual.

Your Plan to Vote should include answers to the following questions:

AM I REGISTERED TO VOTE?

CHECK YOUR REGISTRATION STATUS at <https://vote.civcnation.org/register/iamarjvoter/> to ensure that you have not been purged from the voter roll in your state.

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

Online registration deadline: Monday, October 7, 2024

Register by mail deadline: Must be postmarked by Monday, October 7, 2024

In-person registration deadline: Monday, October 7, 2024

HOW WILL I VOTE?

Early Voting:

- > Early voting in Georgia begins October 14, the fourth Monday before Election Day.
- > Early voting in Georgia ends Friday, November 1, the Friday before Election Day.

Absentee/Mail-in Voting:

Absentee ballot application by mail or in person must be received by Friday, October 25, 11 days before the election.

Use an absentee ballot tool to prepare your application.

Find your local election office to drop off or mail your absentee ballot application.

All local election offices will accept mailed or hand-delivered forms. Your local election office will also let you fax or email the application.

Request your absentee or mail-in ballot as soon as possible and return it immediately. We are recommending you mail your ballot in NO LATER than 3 weeks before November 5 to ensure that your vote is counted.

Please contact your local election office if you have any further questions about the exact process.

In-Person Voting on Election Day: If you are voting in person on November 5, make a plan that allows time for longer lines than usual. Stay in line until you vote, no matter what time it is, and no matter what anyone tells you. If you are in line when the polls close, you are still entitled to vote.

Find your local polling location, map out your route to get there, including parking, and (whenever possible) go vote with other members of your community. Wear comfortable shoes and bring snacks and water. If you need more information about your polling location, contact your County Board of Registrars Office.

HOW IS MY COMMUNITY VOTING?

Share Your Plan to Vote with your family, friends, and community. Help them develop a Plan to Vote. Support each other and vote together, no matter how you vote. Send in your ballots on the same day, vote early together, or plan on getting in line as a community on November 5.

IMPORTANT DATES

- > Election Day is **Tuesday, November 5, 2024.**
- > The deadline to request a ballot by mail for absentee voting is **Friday, October 25**, 11 days before the election.
- > The early voting period runs from **Tuesday, October 15, 2024**, to **Friday, November 1, 2024**, but dates and hours may vary based on where you live.

See sos.ga.gov for additional information.

HOW TO VOTE IN GEORGIA:

TO REGISTER IN GEORGIA, YOU MUST:

- > Be a citizen of the United States
- > Be a legal resident of Georgia and of the county in which you want to vote
- > Be at least 18 years old within 6 months after the day of registration, and be 18 years old to vote
- > Not be serving a sentence for having been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude
- > Not have been judicially determined to be mentally incompetent, unless the disability has been removed
- > Find more information on voting rights restoration

Check Your Voter Registration Online – You can look up your voter registration record, and verify that your information is correct using <https://weall.vote/iamarjvoter>

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO VOTE IN GEORGIA?

In-Person Voter ID Requirements

If you are voting in person in Georgia (including voting early), you must present one of the following forms of ID at the time you vote:

- > Georgia driver's license
- > Georgia voter ID or other ID card issued by the State of Georgia, any other state, or the U.S. government
- > Employee photo ID issued by the U.S. government, Georgia government, or any county, municipality, board, authority, or other Georgia government entity
- > Valid U.S. passport
- > Valid U.S. military photo ID
- > Student photo ID card issued by a Georgia public college, university, or technical school
- > Valid tribal photo ID

You can vote in person on Election Day from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. at your assigned polling place. If you are in line by 7 p.m., you will still be allowed to vote.

Voters Without ID or Not Found in Registry on Polling Day: If you are unable to provide ID, you will be able to vote a provisional ballot. A provisional ballot is a paper ballot used by a voter when their eligibility to vote cannot be determined at the polling place. Voters who declare they are registered and eligible to vote in the county in which they desire to vote, but whose names do not appear on the registration list, must be permitted to cast a provisional ballot. If you have a good-faith belief you are properly registered in your county, you have the right to vote a provisional ballot. The provisional ballot will count if your eligibility can be determined within 3 days after Election Day by your County Registrar's office.

COVID protections: Most voting locations will be equipped with PPE and social distancing guidelines. Check with your County Clerk for more information.

Polling locations and times may vary during Early Vote and Election Day.

Check with your County Clerk and Secretary of State for information, including locations and times.

RECENT VOTING CHANGES IN GEORGIA

- > A 2024 law allows election officials to remove voters from the rolls up until 45 days before the election if their eligibility has been successfully challenged. Previously, challenges were permitted through Election Day. The law defines probable cause needed for a challenge.
- > A law passed in 2023 requires employers to allow workers to take up to 2 hours off to vote during the early in-person voting window. Previously, time off was required only on Election Day.
- > Congressional and state legislative maps approved by Georgia lawmakers in December 2023 have been upheld by a federal judge. The redrawn maps may change district boundaries and affect which candidates appear on your ballot.
- > A 2021 voting law shortened the absentee voting window, introduced new ID requirements for mail ballots, and set rules for drop boxes, among other changes. Litigation over parts of the law is ongoing.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- ➔ **GEORGIA SECRETARY OF STATE:** sos.ga.gov/elections-division-georgia-secretary-states-office
- ➔ **VOTER PROTECTION HOTLINE/ACLU:** acluga.org/voter-resource-center-2022/
678-981-5294
- ➔ **STATE GENERAL ELECTION RACES:** sos.ga.gov/index.php/elections and https://ballotpedia.org/Georgia_elections