Books Related to Voting Rights

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**American Apartheid** (Jun 2018)
By: Woodard, Stephanie

The most comprehensive and compelling account of the issues and threats that Native Americans face today, as well as their heroic battle to overcome them.

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**An Indigenous Peoples' History Of The United States** (Sep 2014)
By: Dunbar-Ortiz, Roxanne

Told from the point of view of Native Americans, challenges the founding myth of the United States and shows how the policies against the indigenous peoples was genocidal and imperialist.

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**So you want to talk about race** (Jan 2018)
By: Oluo, Ijeoma

A Seattle-based writer, editor and speaker tackles the sensitive, hyper-charged racial landscape in current America, discussing the issues of privilege, police brutality, intersectionality, micro-aggressions, the Black Lives Matter movement, and the "N" word.

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**White Fragility** (Jun 2018)
By: DiAngelo, Robin J.

Groundbreaking book exploring the counterproductive reactions white people have when discussing racism that serve to protect their positions and maintain racial inequality.

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**The Myth Of Equality** (May 2017)
By: Wytsma, Ken

Is privilege real or imagined? Ken Wytsma, founder of The Justice Conference, unpacks what we need to know to be grounded in conversations about today's race-related issues. And he helps us come to a deeper understanding both of the origins of these issues and of the reconciling role we are called to play as ministers of the gospel.

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**All Eyes Are Upon Us** (Dec 2014)
By: Sokol, Jason

A revelatory account of the tumultuous modern history of race and politics in the Northeast, All Eyes Are Upon Us presents the Northeast as a microcosm of America as a whole: outwardly democratic, inwardly conflicted, but always striving to live up to its highest ideals.

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**Because They Marched** (Aug 2014)
By: Freedman, Russell

Presents an account of the 1965 civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, an event that sparked the signing of the Voting Rights Act.

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Bending Toward Justice (Apr 2013)
By: May, Gary, 1944-
The award-winning author of The Informant traces the efforts of activists who defeated period efforts to prevent African-American citizens from exercising their voting rights after the Fifteenth Amendment, citing illicit practices of bullying, literacy testing, poll taxing and property requirements.
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Brown Is The New White (Feb 2016)
By: Phillips, Steve, 1964-
Describes the historical and demographic origins of the new majority in America, consisting of progressive people of color combined with progressive whites, who now stand to create social policy shifts and finally overcome a divisive racial barrier.
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The Color Of Law (May 2017)
By: Rothstein, Richard
Richard Rothstein has painstakingly documented how American cities, from San Francisco to Boston, became so racially divided. Rothstein describes how federal, state, and local governments systematically imposed residential segregation: with undisguised racial zoning, public housing that purposefully segregated previously mixed communities, subsidies for builders to create whites-only suburbs, tax exemptions for institutions that enforced segregation, and support for violent resistance to African Americans in white neighborhoods. He demonstrates that such policies still influence tragedies in places like Ferguson and Baltimore.
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**A Constitution For All Times** (Nov 2013)

**By:** Karlan, Pamela S.

Through an exploration of current hot-button legal issues -- from voting rights to the death penalty, health care, same-sex marriage, invasive high-tech searches, and gun control -- Karlan makes a sophisticated and resonant case for her vision of the Constitution. At the heart of that vision is the conviction that the Constitution is an evolving document that enables government to solve novel problems and expand the sphere of human freedom. As skeptics charge congressional overreach on such issues as the Affordable Care Act and even voting rights, Karlan pushes back. On individual rights in particular, she believes the Constitution allows Congress to enforce the substance of its amendments. And she calls out the Roberts Court for its disdain for the other branches of government and for its alignment with a conservative agenda.

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**Democracy** (Jan 2017)

**By:** Moss, David A., 1964-

Historian David Moss adapts the case study method made famous by Harvard Business School to revitalize our conversations about governance and democracy and show how the United States has often thrived on political conflict. These 19 cases ask us to weigh choices and consequences, wrestle with momentous decisions, and come to our own conclusions.

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**Down For The Count** (Apr 2016)

**By:** Gumbel, Andrew

The author details the history of electoral fraud in America, from Tammany Hall to the 2000 election, revealing many examples of misconduct on election day and arguing that free and fair elections have been the exception in the U.S. rather than the norm. Original.

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The Embattled Vote In America (Aug 2018)
By: Lichtman, Allan J.

Americans have died for the right to vote. Yet our democratic system guarantees no one, not even citizens, the opportunity to elect a government. Allan Lichtman calls attention to the founders' greatest error--leaving the franchise to the discretion of individual states--and explains why it has triggered an unending struggle over voting rights.

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Every Vote Matters (Mar 2016)
By: Jacobs, Thomas A.

Encourages teens to recognize the importance of voting and making their voices heard in the democratic process, focusing on Supreme Court decisions that came down to a single vote.

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The Fight To Vote (Feb 2016)
By: Waldman, Michael, 1960-

The president of a nonpartisan law and policy institute at NYU describes the fight for the right to vote and the historical, and ongoing, efforts by some to making voting difficult for the elderly, the poor and the young.

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Five Dollars and a Pork Chop Sandwich (Feb 2016)
By: Berry, Mary Frances

Through a close analysis of the work of Greg Malveaux, former director of the State of Louisiana's electoral fraud division who tried to clean up elections in a state notorious for corruption, a nonpartisan book on voter manipulation and electoral corruption stresses the importance of stimulating voter turnout and participation.

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**Forged Through Fire** (Dec 2016)

By: Ferejohn, John A.

Two celebrated political scientists explore the question about whether democracy is dependent on war, tracing how democracy has evolved in brutally competitive environments, has been repeatedly excised and is being compromised in America today by drone warfare.

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**Future Right** (May 2016)

By: Critchlow, Donald T., 1948-

Contrary to those who argue that demographics are political destiny, social trends are transforming identity categories of race, gender, and youth - all of which provide rich opportunities for Republicans to create a new majority. To accomplish this, Republicans will need imagination and political acumen if they are to win over those constituencies that have become the base of the Democratic Party: minorities, young women, and millennials.

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**Give Us The Ballot** (Aug 2015)

By: Berman, Ari

In 1965, the Voting Rights Act transformed election demographics in the United States. African Americans in the South began voting, running for office, and being elected for the first time since the Reconstruction period after the Civil War. Including views from different sides of the debate on voting restrictions, he presents a balanced but still revealing report on a wide variety of measures that have the potential to influence election results. -- Description by Katherine Bradley Johnson.

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The Great Suppression (Aug 2016)
By: Roth, Zachary

Control of the country is up for grabs. Twenty-two states have passed restrictions on voting. Ruthless gerrymandering has given the GOP a long-term grip on Congress. Meanwhile, the Supreme Court has eviscerated campaign finance laws, boosting candidates backed by big money.

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Latino America (Sep 2014)
By: Barreto, Matt A.

Matt Barreto and Gary M. Segura are the country's preeminent experts in the shape, disposition, and mood of Latino America. They show the extent to which Latinos have already transformed the US politically and socially, and how Latino Americans are the most buoyant and dynamic ethnic and racial group, often in quite counterintuitive ways. Latinos' optimism, strength of family, belief in the constructive role of government, and resilience have the imminent potential to reshape the political and partisan landscape for a generation and drive the outcome of elections as soon as 2016.

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The Law Of The Land (Apr 2015)
By: Amar, Akhil Reed

From Illinois to Alabama, and from Florida to Utah, our laws and legal debates arise from distinctive local settings within our vast and varied nation. As the renowned scholar Akhil Amar explains, Abraham Lincoln's argument against the legality of succession can be traced to his Midwestern upbringing, just as a close look at the Florida legislature and state Supreme Court reveals the fundamental wrongness of the Bush v. Gore decision. An expert guide to America's constitutional landscape, Amar sheds new light on American history and politics and shows how America's legal tradition unites a vast and disparate land.

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On Democracy's Doorstep (Jun 2014)
By: Smith, J. Douglas, 1965-
The author of Managing White Supremacy shares the inside story of the Supreme Court rulings abolishing malapportionment, citing the crucial roles of Chief Justice Earl Warren and key lawyers, activists and Justice Department officials in establishing equality as a defining component of democracy.
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One Person, No Vote (Sep 2018)
By: Anderson, Carol (Carol Elaine)
A chronicle of voter suppression exposes America's insidious history of policies that have blocked African American voting participation, placing particular focus on the Supreme Court's 2013 Shelby ruling.
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Outside the Wire (Aug 2018)
By: Kander, Jason
A veteran of the war in Afghanistan, the first millennial elected to statewide office and the founder of Let America Vote discusses his life-from joining the military following 9/11, to launching his first political campaign, to becoming the next step in the evolution of the Democratic Party.
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Self-Evident Truths (Feb 2017)
By: Brown, Richard D.
How did Americans in the generations following the Declaration of Independence translate its lofty ideals into practice? Historian Richard Brown shows that despite its founding statement that "all men are created equal," the early Republic struggled with social inequality.
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They Can't Kill Us All (Nov 2016)
By: Lowery, Wesley, 1990-

A behind-the-scenes account of the story of the #blacklivesmatter movement shares insights into the young men and women behind it, citing the racially charged controversies that have motivated members and the economic, political and personal histories that inform its purpose.

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The Voting Rights War (Aug 2016)
By: Browne-Marshall, Gloria J.

The Voting Rights War tells the story of the ongoing struggle to achieve voting equality through 100 years of work by the NAACP at the Supreme Court. From Plessy v. Ferguson through today's conflicts around voter suppression, the book highlights the challenges facing African American voters and the work of the NAACP.

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We Are Not Yet Equal (Sep 2018)
By: Anderson, Carol (Carol Elaine)

From the end of the Civil War to the tumultuous issues in America today, an acclaimed historian reframes the conversation about race, chronicling the powerful forces opposed to black progress in America.

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What The Hell Do You Have To Lose? (Sep 2018)
By: Williams, Juan

Presents a forceful critique of how key decisions by the Trump administration are rolling back advances in voting rights, integration and racial discrimination.

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