

***Special Issue:  
United States Election 2020 and Its Consequences for Democracy***

***CALL FOR PAPERS (Deadline Extension)***

The *Ralph Bunche Journal of Public Affairs* is dedicating a special issue to the United States election 2020 and its consequences for democracy. While 160 million people voted and registered their voices in last year's election, voter intimidation and racial disparities in access to the ballot continued, thusly showing not only a deterioration in the election system's effectiveness, but the unprecedented attempts to delegitimize and overturn the election results in some states led to a democracy crisis that has never been experienced in the United States. Although the 2020 election is over and all the Electoral College votes were eventually counted by Congress, efforts to subvert American democracy are on the rise. According to a United States Democracy Center report, as of June 2021 about 216 pieces of legislation were introduced in 41 states, including Texas that would impede election administration in the affected jurisdictions.

The *Journal* hopes to expand the understanding of lessons learned and offer recommendations for future elections. In view of this, the call for papers invites manuscripts that not only address the 2020 election's problems and challenges, but also preventive reforms and recommendations based on lessons learned. The *Journal* also highly encourages submissions that explore the election administration, voter suppression, ballot accessibility, and felony disenfranchisement laws, among others. Additionally, it invites manuscripts that offer prescriptions to reforming the United States election system and various ways to eliminate barriers to voting.

Please submit your one-page abstract proposal to the *RBJPA* Editor and Guest Editor via e-mail on or before Friday, February 25, 2022. You may also submit your proposal online at <https://digitalscholarship.tsu.edu/rbjpa/> (which requires you to create a profile before submission). Notification of proposal acceptance will be sent out by Friday, March 18, 2022, and completed manuscripts will be mailed out for peer review by Friday, July 15, 2022. The tentative date of publication for accepted manuscripts is December 2022.

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