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AGENDA

Welcome **ABA President Mary Smith**
 Task Force Co-Chairs: Judge Luttig and Secretary Johnson

Secretary of State Raffensperger (Ryan Germany Introduction)

Panel 1:

What to Expect in 2024 – Nuts and Bolts of Georgia Election Administration

Moderator:	David Becker	Executive Director and Founder, Center for Election Innovation and Research; Member, ABA Task Force for American Democracy
Panelists:	Lynn Bailey	Former Executive Director, Augusta-Richmond County Board of Elections
	Shauna Dozier	Director, Clayton County Board of Elections and Registration
	Blake Evans	Director of Elections, GA SOS Elections Division
	Judge Jonathan Fordham	Elections Superintendent, Bleckley County

Panel 2:

Conversation on Democracy – How It Affects All of Us

Moderator:	Andrew Morse	President and Publisher, Atlanta Journal-Constitution
Panelists:	Jason Carter	Partner, Bondurant, Mixson, and Elmore, LLP
	Carly Fiorina	National Honorary Chair, Virginia 250 Commission
	Larry D. Thompson	Counsel, Finch McRanie LLP; Former General Counsel, PepsiCo; Former U.S. Deputy Attorney General; Member, ABA Task Force for American Democracy

Conclusion and Call to Action – Task Force Vice Chair Bill Ide

Now it's Your Turn – Your Individual Responsibility in Our Democracy

Reception—The First Step Together of Many

Gather and meet your fellow participants, talk about issues of interest, brainstorm, and build coalitions for the next steps.

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BIOGRAPHIES

HOST COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS



Ryan Germany

Partner, Gilbert, Harrell, Sumerford & Martin, P.C.

Ryan Germany served as general counsel to Georgia Secretaries of State Brian Kemp and Brad Raffensperger from 2014 to 2023. As general counsel, Ryan successfully guided Georgia through some of the fiercely contested and heavily litigated elections in the state's history, including the 2018 and 2020 elections. Currently Ryan is a partner at Gilbert, Harrell, Sumerford & Martin, P.C., where he leads the Political and Election Law Group, advising businesses, elected officials, candidates, state and local governments, independent and candidate committees, and non-profit organizations on election, government, and regulatory law. Ryan serves on the Executive Board of the Atlanta Lawyer's Chapter of the Federalist Society and is a member of the American Enterprise Institute's Leadership Network. Ryan graduated cum laude from Washington & Lee University School of Law, where he served on the Executive Committee of the Student Body and currently serves on the Law Council. He received his undergraduate degrees, magna cum laude, from the University of Georgia. Ryan lives in Atlanta with his wife and daughter.



Linda A. Klein

Senior Managing Shareholder, Baker Donelson

Linda Klein is a past president for the American Bar Association. She previously served as chair of the ABA's House of Delegates, the association's policy-making body. She has also served as chair of the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section, chair of the Committee on Rules and Calendar of the House of Delegates, chair of the Coalition for Justice, and chair of ABA Day, the Association's Congressional outreach effort. She is a recent member of the Council of the ABA Section of International Law and also served as a columnist and on the Board of Editors of Law Practice Management Magazine. In 2013 Ms. Klein had the honor of being a McGlothlin fellow on the campuses of William and Mary's Business and Law Schools. She delivered the commencement addresses at Atlanta's John Marshall College of Law (2018), Georgia State University College of Law (2017), Cleveland-Marshall College of Law (2017), Pepperdine University School of Law (2016), and Washington and Lee University School of Law (2012). In 2009 Ms. Klein was honored with

the Randolph Thrower Award for Lifetime Achievement and was named to the YWCA Academy of Women Achievers. In 2004 the American Bar Association honored Ms. Klein with the prestigious Margaret Brent Achievement Award.

Ms. Klein has authored numerous published works. Her lecture schedule has included presentations in France, Poland, Sweden, Spain, Russia, Croatia, Japan, Great Britain and Canada, but most extensively in the southeast United States. She is a member of the American College of Construction Lawyers and the American Law Institute. She is a mediator and arbitrator, frequently serving as a neutral as well as a client advocate.

SPEAKERS



Secretary Brad Raffensperger
Georgia Secretary of State

Brad Raffensperger is Georgia's 29th Secretary of State, first elected in 2018 and re-elected in 2022. Secretary Raffensperger was elected to the City Council in Johns Creek, Georgia. Three years later he was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives where he then served for two terms, and in 2018 Georgia voters elected him Secretary of State. The Secretary's top priority is secure and accessible elections. As Secretary of State, Raffensperger delivered the largest implementation of voting machines in the history of this country, on time and on budget. Under Raffensperger's leadership, Georgia modernized its election system by adding its first auditable paper ballot system and giving the power to secure Georgia's elections directly to the voter. He is the first Secretary of State to pass legislation requiring photo ID for all forms of voting, and first to hold counties accountable to voters by expanding polling places.



Mary Smith
ABA President

Mary Smith is President of the American Bar Association (ABA) and is the first Native American woman in this role. Recognizing that there are serious threats to American Democracy, Ms. Smith created the Task Force for American Democracy as one of her Presidential initiatives. Ms. Smith is an independent board member and former C-suite executive. Smith currently serves

on the board of PTC Therapeutics, Inc. (NASDAQ: PTCT), a global biopharmaceutical company, where she sits on the audit and compensation committees. Her background includes experience in governance, technology, compliance, government affairs, public policy, and regulatory experience. Previously, Smith was the CEO of the Indian Health Service, a \$6 billion national healthcare system that serves over 2 million persons where she oversaw the development of an operational framework that utilized data analytics to improve services, allocate resources, and develop the workforce. Ms. Smith is also Vice Chair of the VENG Group. Earlier in her career, she served as an attorney at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher &

Flom LLP, as a senior in-house counsel at Tyco International, and in the U.S. government, both as Associate Counsel to the President in the White House and as a trial attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice. Ms. Smith is a past National Secretary of the ABA and a former president of the National Native American Bar Association. She is also the founder and president of the Caroline and Ora Smith Foundation, an organization that promotes Native American girls in STEM. Ms. Smith has received numerous awards and recognitions including being named a 2023 Business Leader of Color by Chicago United, a 2023 Director to Watch, and the 2023 Cherokee National Statesmanship Award.



Judge J. Michael Luttig
Co-Chair

Judge Michael Luttig served on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit for 15 years, from 1991 to 2006. He is currently counselor and special advisor to the Coca-Cola Company and its board of directors. Prior to joining the Coca-Cola Company, Judge Luttig was counselor and senior advisor to the Boeing Company CEO and board of directors and was executive vice president and general counsel of Boeing from 2006 to 2020. Before he was appointed to the federal bench, he served as assistant attorney general at the U.S. Department of Justice and counselor to the Attorney General of the United States. He was assistant counsel to the president at the White House from 1981 to 1982 under President Ronald Reagan. From 1982 to 1983,

he was a law clerk to then-Judge Antonin Scalia of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.



Jeh Charles Johnson
Co-Chair

Jeh Johnson served as Secretary of Homeland Security from 2013 to 2017, as General Counsel of the Department of Defense from 2009 to 2012, as General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force from 1998 to 2001 and as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York from 1989 to 1991. Mr. Johnson is currently in private law practice with the firm of Paul, Weiss where he started his law practice. He is also a member of the board of directors of Lockheed Martin, US Steel, MetLife, and the Council on Foreign Relations, and is a trustee of Columbia University.



William R. Ide III
Vice Chair

Bill Ide is a Partner in the Atlanta office of Akerman LLP. He has extensive experience in representing boards of directors, audit committees and management with special investigations, ethics, corporate governance, and strategic M&A advice. He served as a member of the Board of Directors of AFC Enterprises, Inc., and Albemarle Corporation. He is also chair of the Advisory Board to the Conference Board's ESG Center, a senior fellow and co-founder of Emory University's Directors Institute and he serves on the Audit Committee Governance Committee of the Clark Atlanta University Board of Trustees and is the chair of the Executive Committee of the EastWest Institute.

Mr. Ide formerly served as senior vice president and General Counsel of Monsanto Company, as Counsel to the United States Olympic Committee and as President of the American Bar Association.

PANEL 1

What to Expect in 2024: Nuts and Bolts of Election Administration



Moderator David Becker
Founder & Executive Director, Center for Election Innovation & Research

David Becker is the Executive Director and Founder of the nonpartisan, non-profit Center for Election Innovation & Research, working with election officials of both parties, all around the country, to ensure elections voters should trust, and do trust. A key element of David's work with CEIR is managing the Election Official Legal Defense Network, providing pro bono legal assistance to election officials who are threatened with frivolous criminal prosecution, harassment, or physical violence. David previously led the elections program at The Pew Charitable Trusts, and served as a senior trial attorney in the Voting Section of the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division. David currently

serves as CBS' election law expert, and is the co-author, with CBS News' Chief Washington Correspondent Major Garrett, of the book [*THE BIG TRUTH: Upholding Democracy in the Age of The Big Lie.*](#)



Lynn Bailey

Executive Director (Ret.), Augusta-Richmond County Board of Elections and Registration

Founder, Bailey Election Consulting Services

After serving for 29 years as Executive Director of the Richmond County, Georgia Board of Elections, Lynn retired her position and founded Bailey Election Consulting Services. She currently serves as a consultant in election administration in Georgia on the state and local level.

During her career, Lynn had the privilege of serving as Georgia's representative on the US Election Assistance Commission's Standards Board where she served for 16 years. For the past 9 years, she has served as a member of the Overseas Voting Initiative, a working group coordinated

by the Council of State Governments on behalf of the US Department of Defense, working to improve the voting process for active-duty military and US citizens overseas. Lynn was appointed as a member of Georgia's 21st Century Vote Commission and the SAFE Commission, both charged with researching voting systems and whose work lead to the implementation of new uniform voting systems in Georgia in 2002 and 2019, respectively. She is past president of the Georgia Election Officials Association.

Lynn is a lifelong resident of the Augusta area.



Shauna Dozier

Elections Director, Clayton County Board of Elections and Registration

Shauna Dozier, serves as the Elections Director of Clayton County Board of Elections and Registration, serving over 200,000 registered voters and 70 polling locations. She has over 20 years of experience in Voter Registration and Elections that range from 55,000 to 700,000 Registered Voters. She recently served as President for the Georgia Association of Voter Registrars and Election Officials.

She graduated with a Bachelor's of Art degree in Political Science from North Carolina Central University with a concentration on State/Local Politics and is a National Certified Election Registration Administrator (CERA) from the Election Center.

Shauna's experience in election includes positions at the Georgia Secretary of State Elections Division, Rockdale County Board of Elections & Registration and Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections and as an international elections observer.

She serves as an Advisor for the Auburn University, Master of Public Administration Community Advisory Board, the Election Infrastructure Subsector Government Coordinating Council and the Board of Directors for the National Association of Election Officials with the Election Center.

In 2020, Shauna was awarded the Democracy Action Hero Award presented by Arnold Schwarzenegger from the USC Schwarzenegger Institute for State and Global Policy for her role in supporting polling access and voting rights.



Blake Evans

Elections Director, Georgia Secretary of State Elections Divisions

Blake earned his Master's in Public Administration and Graduate Certificate of Election Administration from Auburn University. He also has a Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Minor in Community and Civic Engagement from Auburn. He has worked in two county election offices, the Escambia County Supervisor of Elections Office in Pensacola, Florida, and the Fulton County Registration and Elections Department in Atlanta, Georgia. He currently serves as the Elections Director in Georgia's Secretary of State's (SOS) Office. He previously worked as the Deputy Elections Division Director in the SOS office. Blake resides in Fayetteville, GA with his wife, Stephanie, and their three children, Caroline, Nolan, and Thomas.



Judge Jonathan Fordham

Probate Judge and Elections Superintendent, Bleckley County, GA

Judge Jonathan Fordham took office as the Probate Judge of Bleckley County, GA on January 2, 2020. Prior to serving as probate judge, Judge Fordham was an Asst. District Attorney in the Oconee Judicial Circuit, a Staff Attorney for Judges Frederick Mullis, Jr. and Judge Howard Kaufold on the Oconee Judicial Circuit, and represented clients in probate, criminal, and civil matters. He was also a two-term member and vice-chair of the Bleckley County Board of Education.

Judge Fordham graduated from Middle Georgia College and with honors from Mercer University Walter F. George School of Law. Judge Fordham is a lifelong resident of Bleckley County and member of Salem Baptist Church. He is the proud husband of DeanAnne and proud father of J.R., James, and Jett.

PANEL 2:

Conversation on Democracy: How it Affects All of Us



Andrew Morse
President & Publisher, AJC

Andrew Morse is the president and publisher of The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, the flagship newspaper of Atlanta-based Cox Enterprises. Before joining the AJC, Morse was executive vice president and chief digital officer for CNN Worldwide. Prior to his nearly nine-year-run at CNN, Morse was the head of Bloomberg's U.S. television division. Morse started his career at ABC News in 1996 and for 15 years climbed the ranks from production coordinator to executive producer for innovation for ABC News Digital. His ABC tenure included stints as an executive producer for the weekend editions of "Good Morning America" and "World News" and eight years overseas as a producer and editor in London and as Asia bureau chief.



Jason Carter
Partner, Bondurant, Mixson, and Elmore, LLP

Jason Carter is a Partner with Bondurant, Mixson, and Elmore, LLP. He represents clients in high stakes trial and appellate business litigation. Jason's expertise in intellectual property includes litigating common law intellectual property, trademark, trade secret and patent disputes. Jason is also a leader in the firm's corporate recoveries practice where he helps companies identify, evaluate and pursue revenue-generating opportunities through the legal department.

Jason combines a successful litigation practice with a strong commitment to public service. Among other activities, Jason chairs the Carter Center's Board of Trustees. From 2010-2015 he served in the Georgia State Senate, and he was the 2014 Democratic Nominee for Governor of Georgia.

Jason has been named to Georgia Trend's list of the 100 Most Influential Georgians, and has consistently been recognized as a Super Lawyer in Atlanta Magazine. Jason has received numerous other awards for his legal work and community service, including the Anti-Defamation League's Stuart Eizenstat Award.



Carly Fiorina

National Honorary Chair, Virginia 250 Commission

Carly Fiorina began her career as a secretary for a nine-person real estate firm. She climbed the corporate ladder at AT&T and Lucent Technologies through a willingness to tackle tough problems, a relentless focus on producing results and accepting accountability, and a passion for leveraging the talents of others and building high-performance teams. She was recruited to Hewlett-Packard with a mission to transform the company from a laggard to a leader, becoming the first woman to lead a Fortune 50 company. During her tenure as Chair and CEO, Hewlett-Packard became the largest technology company in the world. She has also advised the

Department of Defense, the Central Intelligence Agency, the State Department, and the Department of Homeland Security. She is the author of three best-selling books on leadership for general audiences, as well as a weekly LinkedIn newsletter with over 500,000 subscribers. In 2015, Ms. Fiorina launched a campaign for President as a member of the Republican party. She serves as the founding visionary and Executive Chair of The Williamsburg Institute, where history-makers meet. She also serves on the Board of Visitors for James Madison University, as Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, as the National Honorary Chair of the Virginia 250 Commission and as the founder and Chair of Pathway to Promise, an organization that works with justice-involved youth so they can change their world.



Hon. Larry D. Thompson

Counsel, Finch McRanie, LLP, former General Counsel, PepsiCo

Larry Thompson has served as the John A. Sibley Chair of Corporate and Business Law at the University of Georgia School of Law and is Of Counsel to the Atlanta law firm of Finch McRanie. Mr. Thompson served as the Independent Compliance Monitor and Auditor for Volkswagen AG from 2017 to 2020. Mr. Thompson also served as the Executive Vice President, Government Affairs, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for PepsiCo until 2014. From 2001 to 2003, Mr. Thompson served as Deputy Attorney General of the United States. As Deputy Attorney General, Attorney General John Ashcroft named Mr. Thompson to lead the Department of Justice's National Security Coordination Council in 2002.

Also in 2002, President George W. Bush named Mr. Thompson to head the government-wide Corporate Fraud Task Force. Prior to serving as the U.S. Deputy Attorney General, Mr. Thompson was a partner in the law firm of King & Spalding. He previously served as the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia from 1982 to 1986. From 1995 to 1998, he served as Independent Counsel for the Department of Housing and Urban Development Investigation.



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Less Than One-Third of Millennials Consider It Essential to Live in a Democracy.

“At all levels of our system, voter turnout remains low in comparison to other advanced democracies. Trust in institutions has collapsed while an online culture of gleeful, nihilistic cynicism thrives. Fewer than one-third of Millennials consider it essential to live in a democracy.”

(n.d.). Reinventing American Democracy for the 21st Century. American Academy of Arts & Sciences. Retrieved February 4, 2024, from <https://www.amacad.org/news/reinventing-american-democracy-21st-century>

According to a Gallup poll, Only 28% of U.S. Adults Are Satisfied With the Way Democracy Is Working in the Country

“A new low of 28% of U.S. adults are satisfied with the way democracy is working in the country. The current figure is down from the prior low -- 35% measured shortly after the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol by rioters trying to prevent Congress from certifying Joe Biden’s victory in the 2020 presidential election.”

Question asked: Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way democracy is working in this country?

Jones, J. (2024, January 5). Record Low in U.S. Satisfied With Way Democracy Is Working. Gallup. Retrieved February 4, 2024, from <https://news.gallup.com/poll/548120/record-low-satisfied-democracy-working.aspx>

Approximately 38% of Americans Support Authoritarianism as a Response to the Direction of Democracy in the United States

“Just under four in ten Americans (38%) agree with the statement, “Because things have gotten so far off track in this country, we need a leader who is willing to break some rules if that’s what it takes to set things right,” while 59% disagree...Americans who believe that the country has changed for the worse since the 1950s are substantially more likely than those who say that it has changed for the better to agree with the need for a leader who is willing to break some rules (43% vs. 31%).”

Poll represented: Percent of people who agree that “Because things have gotten so far off-track, true American patriots may have to resort to violence in order to save our country.”

PRRI (2023, October 25). Threats to American Democracy Ahead of an Unprecedented Presidential Election. PRRI.org. Retrieved February 4, 2024, from <https://www.prii.org/research/threats-to-american-democracy-ahead-of-an-unprecedented-presidential-election/>



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One in Six U.S. Adults Cannot Name Any of the Branches of Government

"...The 2023 survey found that 66% of U.S. adults could name all three branches of government – executive, legislative, and judicial – while 10% could name two of the branches and 7% could name only one. About 1 in 6 people (17%) could not name any branches."

Jones, J. (2023, September 14). *Many Don't Know Key Facts About U.S. Constitution, Annenberg Civics Study Finds*. The Annenberg Public Policy Center. Retrieved February 4, 2024, <https://www.annenbergpublicpolicycenter.org/many-dont-know-key-facts-about-u-s-constitution-annenberg-civics-study-finds/>

62% of American Adults Say Democracy in the U.S. Could Be at Risk

"A poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research found that 62% of adults say democracy in the U.S. could be at risk [depending on who wins next fall](#). Majorities of Democrats (72%) and Republicans (55%) feel the same way, but for different reasons."

AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. (December 2023). "Widespread feeling that the 2024 presidential election carries serious stakes for the country." <https://apnorc.org/projects/widespread-feeling-that-the-2024-presidential-election-carries-serious-stakes-for-the-country/>

51% of Americans Say Democracy Is Not Working

"The public has lacked confidence in how democracy is working for several years. Fifty-one percent say it's not working well, 40% think it is working somewhat well, and just 8% feel it's working very or extremely well. These results were similar when the question was asked previously, including [October 2022](#), when 9% said democracy is working very or extremely well and [October 2020](#), when 14% said it was working well."

AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. (December 2023). "Widespread feeling that the 2024 presidential election carries serious stakes for the country." <https://apnorc.org/projects/widespread-feeling-that-the-2024-presidential-election-carries-serious-stakes-for-the-country/>



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The U.S. Is Ranked #26 on the World Justice Project Rule of Law Index® 2023

The World Justice Project® (WJP) (n.d.). *The World Justice Project*. <https://worldjusticeproject.org/rule-of-law-index/downloads/WJPIIndex2023.pdf>

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[2020 #21](#)
[2021 #27](#)
[2022 #26](#)

A Pew Research Center Report Says 63% Have Little or No Confidence At All in the Future of the U.S. Political System

“Notably, Americans’ unhappiness with politics comes at a time of historically high levels of voter turnout in national elections. [The elections of 2018, 2020 and 2022](#) were three of the highest-turnout U.S. elections of their respective types in decades. But voting in elections is very different from being satisfied with the state of politics – and the public is deeply dissatisfied.”

More than One-Third of Americans Believe the 2020 Election Had Legal Issues Despite Over 60 Court Rulings That There Were No Problems

As of last month [December 2023], 62 percent of U.S. adults say they believe Biden was not legally elected, down from 69 percent overall in the 2021 poll. The biggest drop in those who said the 2020 election results were legitimate came from Republicans — 31 percent in 2023, down from 39 percent two years earlier. Among Democrats, 91 percent say Biden was legitimately elected, a slight dip from 94 percent two years ago, and 66 percent of independents say the incumbent was legitimately elected, down from 72 percent in December 2021.”

Question asked: Regardless of whom you supported in the 2020 election, do you think Joe Biden’s election as president was legitimate, or was he not legitimately elected?

Fortinsky, S. (2024, January 2). *One-third of adults in new poll say Biden’s election was illegitimate*. TheHill.com Retrieved February 4, 2024, from <https://thehill.com/homenews/campaign/4384619-one-third-of-americans-say-biden-election-illegitimate/>



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**Only Half of 18-29-year-Olds
Who Participated in the 2020
Election Say They Will Vote
in the 2024 Election**

[Question asked: How likely is it that you will vote in the 2024 election for President?](#)

The Hill (2023, December 5). Younger voters appear less likely to vote in 2024, despite previous record: Survey. www.thehill.com.
<https://thehill.com/homenews/campaign/4342647-younger-voters-2024-harvard-survey/>

**Just 4% of U.S. Adults Say the
Political System Is Working
Extremely or Very Well; 23%
Say It Is Working Somewhat
Well; 63% Express Not Too
Much or No Confidence At
All in the Future of the
U.S. Political System**

Jones, J. (n.d.). Americans' Dismal Views of the Nation's Politics. Retrieved February 4, 2024, from
<https://www.pewresearch.org/politics/2023/09/19/americans-dismal-views-of-the-nations-politics/>

**Nearly a Quarter of Americans Say
They Are Prepared to Resort to
Violence If Their Desired Candidate Loses**

"Today, nearly a quarter of Americans (23%) agree that 'because things have gotten so far off track, true American patriots may have to resort to violence in order to save our country,' up from 15% in 2021. PRRI has asked this question in eight separate surveys since March 2021. This is the first time support for political violence has peaked above 20%."

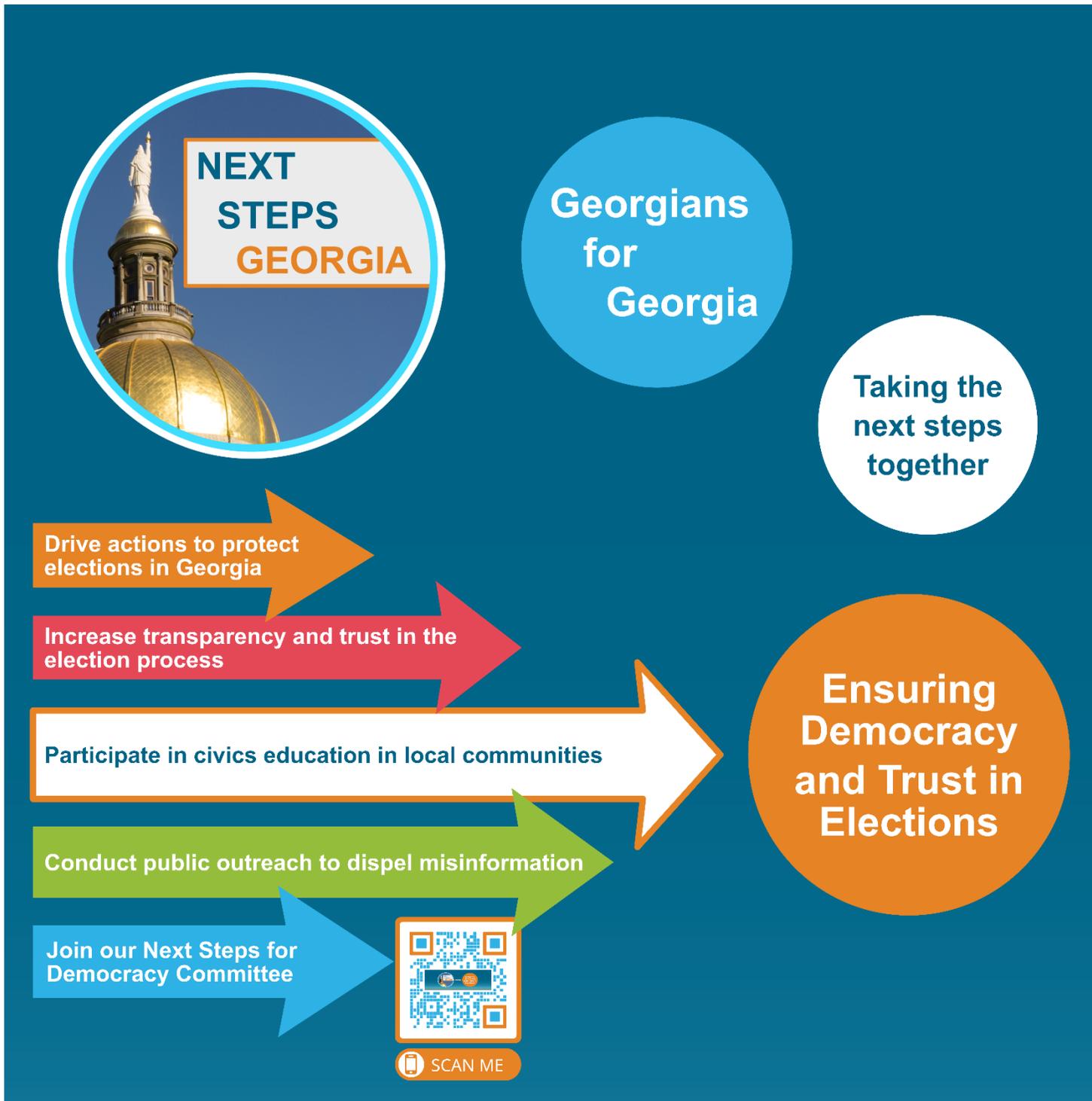
Poll represented: Percent of people who agree that "Because things have gotten so far off-track, true American patriot may have to resort to violence in order to save our country."

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NEXT STEPS



We're ready to work with you on next steps.

Road Map to Defending Democracy

<https://www.ambar.org/defendingdemocracy>

Wanted: Democracy warriors for US elections

<https://www.americanbar.org/news/abanews/aba-news-archives/2024/02/wanted-democracy-warriors/>

Actionable steps that you can take right now to defend democracy

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3 . . .

1. Take a tour of your local election authority to learn how our electoral process really works. [Defending Democracy can help you set up a tour](#).
(Email statelocal@americanbar.org for help setting up a tour)
2. Ensure the safety of [election workers in your community](#).
(<https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/directories/policy/annual-2023/500-annual-2023.pdf>)
3. [Volunteer](#) as a poll worker.
(https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_interest/election_law/poll-worker-esq/)
4. Volunteer to provide [pro bono assistance](#) to election workers who have been the victims of threats and harassment
(<https://eoldn.org/>)
5. Volunteer to [assist with organizations engaged in nonpartisan](#) efforts to protect fair elections and the right to vote.
(<https://www.americanbar.org/groups/crsi/projects-and-initiatives/perfecting-democracy/>)



VOLUNTEER FORM

Name: _____ Email: _____
Phone: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____

I am willing to volunteer to further American Democracy and the Rule of Law in the following areas:

Civics education _____ (Giving talks in my community on civics, working to improve civics education in K-12 education in my community and state, etc.)

Host a Listening Tour _____ (Using a Task Force supplied Listening Tour Toolkit, work on organizing and hosting a listening tour on elections and democracy in your community)

Participate in a Listening Tour _____ (Participate in either a Task Force hosted Listening Tour or in a locally organized Listening Tour)

Rapid Response Team _____ (Be part of a community panel able and willing to quickly response to misinformation and disinformation on the trustworthiness of elections in your community as well as to defend the rule of law and democracy.)

Poll Worker _____ (Volunteer to be a poll worker in your community.)

Speakers Bureau _____ (Volunteer to speak on American Democracy and the Rule of Law in your community.)

Public Communications _____ (Volunteer to write op-eds, etc.)

Other _____

Thank you for offering to volunteer! We will reach back out to you shortly. If you would like to learn more about any of the opportunities above, please contact the ABA Democracy Task Force at abademocracytaskforce@gmail.com.

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RESOURCES

American Bar Association

Task Force for American Democracy

<https://ambar.org/democracy>

Defending Democracy, a project of the Section on State and Local Government Law

<https://ambar.org/defendingdemocracy>

Pollworker Esq., a project of the Standing Committee on Election Law

https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_interest/election_law/poll-worker-esq/

Perfecting Democracy, a project of the Section of Civil Rights and Responsibility

<https://ambar.org/perfectingdemocracy>

Cornerstones of Democracy: Civics, Civility, and Collaboration Commission

https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_education/programs/cornerstones-of-democracy/

Division for Public Education

<https://ambar.org/publiced>

National Conference on Bar Presidents

<https://ncbp.org/>

World Justice Project

<https://worldjusticeproject.org/>