

Suggested Documentaries on Voter Suppression, Gerrymandering, and the Need for Redistricting Reform

Suppressed: The Fight to Vote by Robert Greenwald and Produced by Brave New Films, this 35-minute documentary chronicles the 2018 midterm election in Georgia where people faced polling place closures, voter purges, missing absentee ballots and extreme wait times — disproportionately preventing students and people of color from voting. www.fighttovote.org

UnCivil War: U.S. Elections Under Siege Produced and directed by Indiana native Tom Glynn, this 45-minute documentary exposes the web of threats facing our elections today. The film includes a segment on Indiana's fight to reform redistricting, featuring interviews with Common Cause's Julia Vaughn and Debbie Asberry of the Indiana League of Women Voters and co-founders of *All IN for Democracy*, Indiana's Coalition for Redistricting Reform. SEE SEPARATE SHEET FOR MORE INFORMATION

Line in the Street (30 min or 78 min) is about citizen activists and a landmark win for voting rights in the 2018 Pennsylvania Supreme Court case, *League of Women Voters Pennsylvania v. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania*. This first of its kind lawsuit held that partisan gerrymandering violated Pennsylvania's State Constitution, irrespective of federal law, or federal courts. Film makers Robert and Rachel Millman created this award winning film on gerrymander reform. For group screenings, contact Email: lineinthestreet@gmail.com



Line in the Street is a 2018, 52-minute documentary about gerrymandering, focuses on the ongoing political and legal battles in Pennsylvania, one of the most heavily gerrymandered states in the country. The film follows the two-pronged fight against gerrymandering: redress through the courts and reform through the state legislature.

The legal challenge, brought by the League of Women Voters PA and 18 Pennsylvania voters, made the argument of challenging gerrymandered maps on state constitutional grounds. This landmark case reversed gerrymandered congressional maps on the general principles of the state constitution.

The activists in the reform movement proposed a non-partisan citizens' commission as a solution to partisan gerrymandering of congressional and state house voting districts. The film follows the conflict between the citizen groups calling for legislative reform and entrenched politicians defending the indefensible.

Yet, despite legislators' refusal to move bills out of committee or even to meet with activists, something new is in the air: Citizen awareness has caught on and citizen activism is growing at an unprecedented rate in the Keystone State.

What happened in Pennsylvania could happen anywhere. And that could shift the power balance on a national level.

Trailer 1 (Pennies and Dimes) - <https://vimeo.com/394078857>

Pennies and Dimes on YouTube - <https://youtu.be/Ch0zC8CHQaY>

Trailer 2 - <https://vimeo.com/389614249>

Trailer 2 on YouTube - <https://youtu.be/gwhfSGpFlls>

Vimeo on Demand Page - <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/lineinthestreet>

Slay the Dragon is a 2020, 1 hour and 41 minute documentary by co-directors and co-producers Barak Goodman and Chris Durrance. The documentary examines the practice of gerrymandering in America. It shows how the redrawing of voting districts is tied to controversies such as the Flint water crisis and bathroom bills, while also spotlighting activists fighting to preserve democratic integrity. Can be streamed on Hulu or Netflix.

Suppressed2020: The Fight to Vote by Robert Greenwald is a short (about 40 minutes), powerful documentary about the growing threat of voter suppression to our 2020 election. Deeply personal accounts from voters of color across the state of Georgia reveal deliberate, widespread voter suppression in the 2018 midterm election where Stacey Abrams fought to become the first Black female governor in the U.S. Polling place closures, voter purges missing absentee ballots, extreme wait times and voter ID issues were in full effect again during the 2020 primaries and are on-going across the country right now, all disproportionately affecting Black Americans and minorities from casting their ballots. Now, amidst a global health crisis, the cruel weaponization of vote-by-mail restrictions has turned the constitutional right to vote into a choice between life and death. Suppressed

2020 is a call to action against the calculated, unconstitutional and racist attacks intended to suppress the right to vote in America. (It is most of the footage from Suppressed, with 2020 primary footage added.)

All In: The Fight for Democracy is a one-hour and 42-minute documentary examining the often overlooked, insidious issue of voter suppression in the U.S. From Academy Award nominees Liz Garbus and Lisa Cortés, and featuring Stacy Abrams and the issues encountered in Georgia. It is available on Amazon prime.