



# FAIR FIGHT

v.

## TRUE THE VOTE

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### Fair Fight Announces October 26 Trial Date in Federal Suit Against True the Vote for Alleged Voter Intimidation Ahead of Jan. 5 2021 Runoff Elections

*Trial will address Fair Fight's claim that TTV engaged in illegal voter intimidation by challenging the eligibility of over 364,000 Georgia voters alongside other suppressive tactics*

ATLANTA — Fair Fight announced today that the trial for the federal voting rights case *Fair Fight v. True the Vote* will begin on October 26, 2023, in Gainesville, Georgia. Fair Fight is challenging the vote-suppressing tactics embraced by Texas-based organization True the Vote (TTV), including mass voter challenges and other forms of intimidation ahead of the 2021 U.S. Senate runoff in Georgia.

In the weeks leading to the January 5 runoff, TTV [announced plans](#) to challenge the eligibility of 364,000 registered Georgia voters — alleged by TTV to be the largest mass challenge effort in state history. The group also engaged in other tactics Fair Fight contends intimidated eligible voters, including the recruitment of Navy SEALs and “citizen watchdogs” to patrol polling stations and surveil ballot drop boxes, and offering a \$1 million fund to incentivize and compensate reports of alleged “illegal voting.”

“The 2020 Presidential Election saw historic turnout in Georgia as Black, brown, and young voters turned out in record numbers to make their voices heard,” said Fair Fight Executive Director Cianti Stewart-Reid. “In response, True the Vote used Donald Trump’s ‘Big Lie’ as the basis to launch a massive, multifaceted campaign of voter intimidation, deploying tried-and-true voter suppression tactics dating back to the Jim Crow era.”

To address True the Vote’s actions, Fair Fight filed suit in December 2020 to establish that TTV’s tactics violated federal law, seeking a federal court order that declares TTV’s actions unlawful and enjoins the group from future activities and operations in Georgia.

“For decades, Section 11(b) of the Voting Rights Act has provided vital protection and recourse for voters experiencing intimidation and coercion,” said Allegra Lawrence-Hardy, counsel for the Plaintiffs. “By standing up to mass voter challenges and voter intimidation, Fair Fight and its co-plaintiffs are advocating for the fundamental promise of the VRA and for relief that would shield Georgia voters from similar suppressive tactics in the critical, fast-approaching 2024 election cycle and beyond.”

Ultimately, True the Vote worked with various individuals to submit challenges against 250,783 voters across 65 counties ahead of the January 5 runoff. And when those numbers were broken down and analyzed, an expert confirmed that as the proportion of Black and brown voters in a county increases, so did the likelihood that TTV targeted voters in that county.

True the Vote faces legal scrutiny on multiple fronts over allegations of its incendiary rhetoric and dangerous disinformation about election integrity. Despite that legal scrutiny, it appears TTV continues to recruit, train, and mobilize supporters as part of a district-by-district, county-by-county, state-by-state strategy to embolden individuals to undertake tactics that lead to voter intimidation and significant burdens on election administrators — namely, mass voter challenges.

“Efforts by conspiracy theorists and anti-voter extremists to strip eligible voters from the rolls through mass voter challenges are currently one of the biggest threats to our democracy,” said Stewart-Reid. “True the Vote deployed a multi-pronged, anti-voter strategy ahead of the runoff that has served as a playbook for others launching their own voter suppression and intimidation efforts. The time for accountability is now, and we look forward to our day in court bringing us one step closer to delivering relief on behalf of Georgia voters.”

*A timeline of True the Vote’s activities in Georgia and Fair Fight’s litigation is available [here](#). More information on True the Vote and mass voter challenges in Georgia can be found [here](#).*

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