

### Racial Differences in Election Administration

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### Summary of talk

- Election administration data
- Turnout differences
- Reasons for not registering and voting (Census Bureau data)
- Voting administration and race (Pew/MIU Survey)
  - Lines
  - Voter identification

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### Turnout by Race

Source: CPS, VRS Supplement  
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### Turnout by race/age groups (pct.)

	1972	2004	2008
White, 18-24	51.9	47.5	43.8
Black, 18-24	34.7	41.0	52.3
Hispanic, 18-24	30.9	33.0	38.8
White, 65+	64.8	72.2	71.5
Black, 65+	50.6	65.9	68.0
Hispanic, 65+	26.7	57.0	56.0

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### What questions are we interested in?

- Do different racial groups have different experiences voting?
  - Getting information about the election
  - Checking in the polls
  - Checking in
  - Using the equipment
  - Trusting the count
- Do different racial groups turn out at different rates?
- Do different racial groups vote differently?

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### What data do we have?

- Election returns
- Official voter registration data
- Aggregate Census Bureau Data
- Public opinion surveys
  - U.S. Census Bureau: Current Population Survey, Age and Registration Supplement
  - American National Election Studies
  - Pew/MIU Survey of the Performance of American Elections

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### Section 5 Covered Jurisdictions

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### Turnout differences

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### Turnout Comparison by Data Sources

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### Turnout Differences by Preclearance Status

	Race	White	Non-White
Covered		61.6%	64.3%
Not covered		65.1%	58.7%

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### Reasons for Not Registering and Voting

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### Frequency of Being Asked for ID

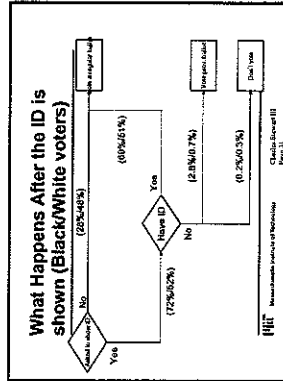
	Total	White	Black	Hisp.
Photo ID mandated in law	87%	85%	96%	91%
Photo ID not mandated in law	13%	15%	4%	9%

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### What ID do people show?

	Photo ID	Photo ID not mentioned in law
Drivers license	92%	86%
Voter registration card	2%	7%
Other gov't ID	5%	4%
Passport	0.2%	1%
All other	1%	1%

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### Conclusions

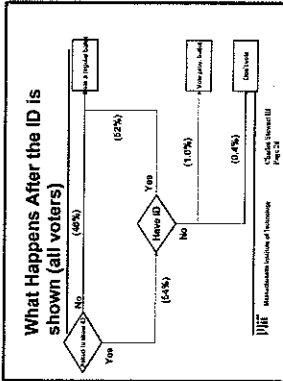
- Turnout differentials are declining
- Differentials may be greater in non-covered jurisdictions
- Many of the differences are not of the terrible vs. great variety, but of the OK vs. great variety
- Much of the experience is the same by race
- African Americans walk in longer lines to vote
- Not clear why
- Non-whites are asked to show ID more often
- Discretion plays some role
- Greater tendency to vote provisionally

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### Who Has a Drivers License?

	All	White	Black	Hisp.
Any drivers license	94%	97%	87%	84%
Dr. w/ current name	84%	87%	76%	74%
Multiple registered				

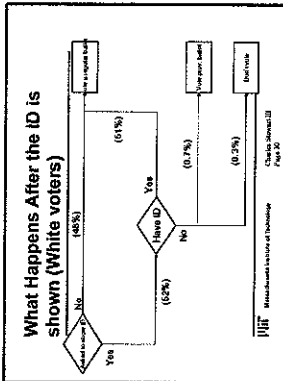
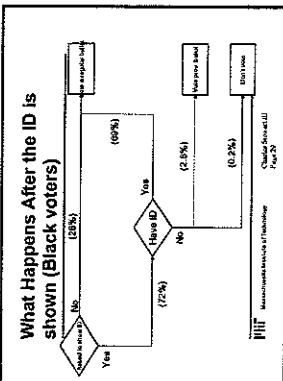
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- American National Election Studies: <http://www.electionstudies.org/>
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