“The Vote” Exhibit Materials

Source Material (per panel)

“Ways to Restrict Democracy”

- Cutting back mail-in voting
  - Record-breaking voter turnout (over 159 million people!) occurred during the pandemic—why scale back? The Evolution of Voting Rights in America | The National Constitution Center

- Voter roll purges:
  - In 2021, many states tried to expand voter roll purges (deleting people from registration) with new bills, and 7 of these carried into 2022. Voting Laws Roundup: December 2021 | Brennan Center for Justice

- Restrictions that hurt voters of color
  - By the end of 2021, 19 states passed 34 restrictive voting laws, and 49 states introduced 440 restrictive bills. Voting Laws Roundup: December 2021 | Brennan Center for Justice
  - 13 restrictive bills are pre-filed for 2022 and 152 will carry over from 2021 Voting Laws Roundup: December 2021 | Brennan Center for Justice

NYS voting information: Voter Information | American Association of Museums (congressweb.com)

“Ways to Revitalize Democracy”

- The Senate voted against the passing of these bills in early 2022. If passed, these bills would have overturned many of the state-passed restrictive voting laws from the past year. However:
  - 540+ expansive laws proposed to make vote casting easier in 2020 The Fight For Voting Rights In 2021 | Brennan Center for Justice
  - 19 states created bills to restore voting rights or ease felony disenfranchisement policies The Fight For Voting Rights In 2021 | Brennan Center for Justice

“Separate and Not Equal Spheres”
Ferris State University-Jim Crow Museum
https://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/news/jimcrow/who/index.htm

“Terms of Democracy”
Gerrymandering: https://www.brennancenter.org/issues/gerrymandering-fair-representation
Partisan: https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/partisan-def
All other definitions: https://www.polyas.com/election-glossary-

Additional Resources
American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Website
https://www.aclu.org/issues/voting-rights

NYS Voting Information
https://www.elections.ny.gov/