

As discussed above, among the more controversial reforms of voting regulations in recent years has been the decision by some states to require voters to provide proof of identification before casting ballots. Opponents of these laws worry that they will suppress turnout, especially among certain disadvantaged (particularly racial minority) groups who are less likely to have government-approved IDs such as

driver's licenses. This study examines the impact of Georgia's decision to implement a voter ID law beginning in 2007. The researchers did not find that the new law suppressed turnout in any particular racial demographic. However, they did find that the law reduced voter turnout, although not by much; the new regulation was associated with a decrease in turnout of less than half a percentage point.