



Election Experts Available: State Races

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For journalists looking for expert sources to comment on specific state midterm election results, the following scholars are available for comment:

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Expert on race and incumbency in local and state level elections. Can comment on California races.

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Expert on on how African Americans, Latinos, Asian Americans, Native Americans, and Whites voted in 60+ battleground congressional districts and six key states (Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Nevada, Texas). Can comment on California races.

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