

# BLUE NOTE 2.0



**SPRING HAS SPRUNG IN THE  
LOWCOUNTRY  
AND LOTS IS HAPPENING!**

**Dorchester Democrats showed up last November like never before!** We're closing the gap and Republicans are scared. They started the year with a "push back" agenda—bills that are punitive and undemocratic. They are attempting to roll back voting rights to a degree not seen since the "Jim Crow" era. All of this is just making Dorchester County (and South Carolina) **BLUER!**

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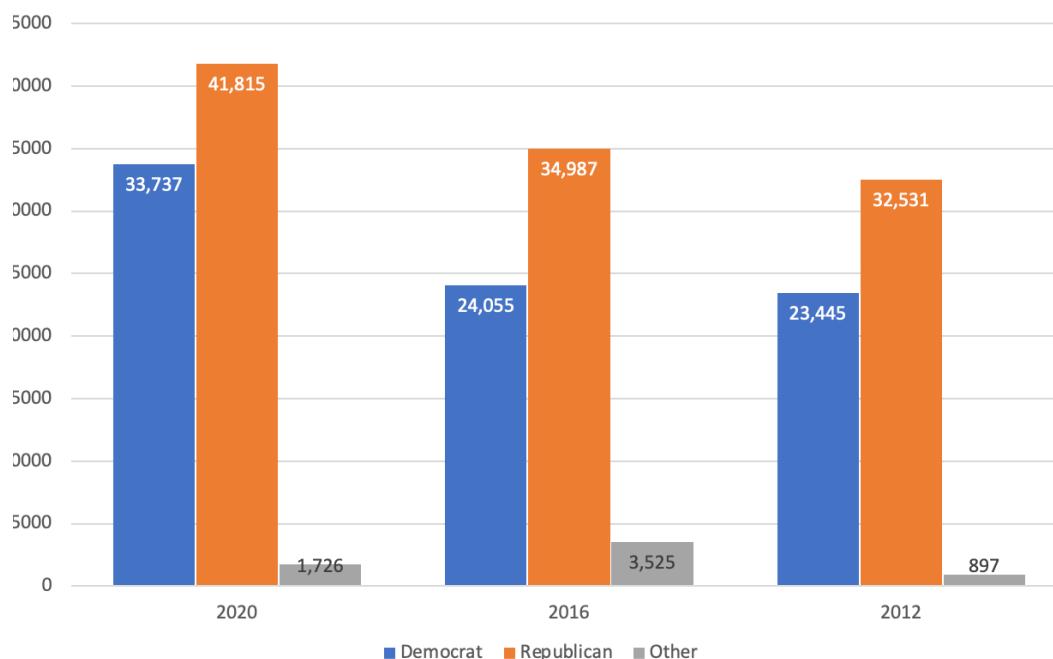


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### Dorchester County Voter Breakout



THE NEXT  
DCDP  
GENERAL  
MEETING  
(ON ZOOM)  
APRIL 13, 7 PM  
[CLICK HERE](#)  
TO SIGN UP

THE WASHINGTON POST,  
3/29/2021

The Swamp isn't in DC.  
It's in state capitals.



**IN 2021 THERE ARE CURRENTLY 253 VOTER SUPPRESSION BILLS IN 43 STATE LEGISLATURES AROUND THE COUNTRY.**

South Carolina Republican legislators are also in the process of committing voter suppression with **Senate bills S-113, S-129, S-236 and S-365**. Please contact Senators Bennett, Adams, Kimpson, Stephens and Senn at **803-734-2100** to let them know they should vote against these bills. Phone calls are effective and volume matters!

### MISPLACED PRIORITIES

While 10's of thousands of South Carolinians were struggling to survive the pandemic, the first bill to come out of our Republican-dominated Statehouse was the "South Carolina Fetal Heartbeat and Protection from Abortion Act," signed by the governor in February, and promptly blocked by a U.S. District Court Judge, because it violates nearly 50 years of established law, Roe v. Wade (1973).

\$2 million was budgeted to usher this law through the courts! Yet, the state refuses federal help through the Covid Relief Act of 2021, to expand Medicaid to 190,000 poor SC residents! Read about it in the

Post and Courier, 3/30/21.

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## BAD BILLS IN THE SC STATEHOUSE

**IH. 3094 Open Carry with Training Act:** would allow a permit holder to carry a "concealable weapon" openly on his person, or about his person in a vehicle. This bill is opposed by many in law enforcement and healthcare. It has been passed by the House and is in last stage in the Senate. Please contact Senators Bennett, Adams, Kimpson, Stephens and Senn at 803-734-2100 to let them know they should vote against this bill. **Note**, per [Giffords Law Center](#), gun violence costs SC over \$293 million a year! Click on the link for details.

- **S. 129** State Election Commission, to devolve the duties of the State Election Commission to the Secretary of State.
- **S. 239** Pooling Precincts, this will increase the precinct size from 1,500 eligible voters to 3,000, thus ensuring longer lines at polling places.
- **S. 365 Voter Registration:** this bill, if passed, will require a voter to verify his qualifications for registration every 3 years. If the voter fails to do so, he will be removed from the voter registration list until he completes his verification. Example of impact, a voter who only goes to the polls every 4 years for the general election will find herself unable to cast a ballot, if she hasn't re-verified beforehand. We oppose.
- **H. 3205 Convention of the States:** This might sound harmless, but it's the worst of the worst! It seeks to weaken the federal government by destroying its regulatory authority on matters of economy, environment, commerce, employment, civil rights and on and on. The dark money that is behind this bill (billionaires like Mercer's and Koch's) is only 5 states away from calling a Constitutional Convention. This is how we went from being a Confederation of states to being a Republic. They want to flip things by writing a new constitution that will put the states back in charge!

"DEMOCRACY PLEDGE' AIMS TO PUT BUSINESSES ON THE SPOT OVER TRUMP'S ELECTION LIE

From [HUFFPOST](#)

See how businesses and corporations can take the [Democracy Pledge](#).

BILL SEARCH  
BY BILL  
NUMBER

To look up bills and to see where they are in the legislative process.

[GO TO SOUTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE ONLINE](#)

HATE IS NOT GOOD FOR BUSINESS

Note: SC is among only 3 states in the US that have no hate crime legislation. The SC [Chamber of Commerce](#) and over 80 businesses want hate crime law.

ANTI-HATE  
LEGISLATION  
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SC DEMOCRATS

**The State, 3/16/21:**  
"SC lawmakers add LGBTQ protections to hate crime bill, send it to House floor."  
Read more [here](#).

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FOR NATIONAL LEGISLATION THAT  
WE SUPPORT PLEASE GO TO THE  
League of Women Voters, one of our  
partners in democracy.

LWV makes it easy to **stay current**  
on SC and national legislation  
and provides links and  
pre-filled letters to  
contact your Representatives.



### HEAR YE, HEAR YE, READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Announcing a new hard-kicking political blog written by one of Dorchester's own, David Rubin. He deftly examines the rhetoric vs. voting records and policies of US Rep. Nancy Mace, US Senator Tim Scott and SC Gov. Henry McMaster—all up for re-election in 2022.

[Click on the Bucking Donkey](#)  
to go to the DCDP Blog page.

SEE HOW WE CAN BEAT THEM BY USING  
THEIR OWN WORDS AND ACTIONS AGAINST THEM!!

South Carolinians 16 and over can  
now get the **Covid-19 vaccine!**  
Contact **DHEC** to make your  
[\*\*vaccine appointment\*\*](#)

### OUR US LEGISLATORS

#### US House of Representatives

[Nancy Mace](#) (R), District 1  
(202) 225-3176

[James Clyburn](#) (D), District 6  
(202) 225-3315

#### US Senate

[Tim Scott](#) (R)  
(202) 224-6121

[Lindsey Graham](#) (R)  
(202) 224-5972

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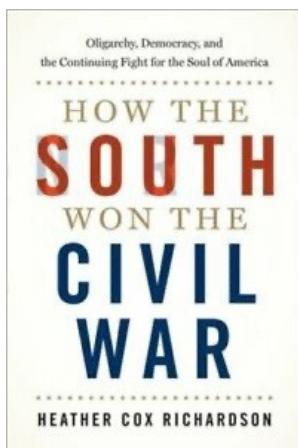
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THE DORCHESTER COUNTY  
DEMOCRATIC PARTY  
BOOK CLUB

7 PM, April 15th, we'll meet  
virtually to discuss:

"How the South Won the Civil War: Oligarchy, Democracy and the Continuing Fight for the Soul of America," by Heather Cox Richardson, 205 pages.



Click [here](#) to sign up for our Zoom Discussion.

"Read, think, discuss, act"  
is our motto.

We meet every two months--  
enough time to read the selected  
book. Then we come together  
virtually to share what we've  
learned and how to apply it to our  
work of turning **South Carolina**  
**BLUE!**

Some books are historic, some  
political, some fiction, some  
humorous but all focus on our  
democratic values.

**Click on the title link for an  
interview with the author about  
this book.**

**DEMOCRACY REQUIRES US TO KEEP ON SHOWING UP!!**

## **NEW MEMBERS MEET**

and Learn about the

### **DORCHESTER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

**DorDems Coffee Talk—Saturday,  
April 10th and April 17th, 10:00 AM –  
11:30 AM, Zoom**

Have questions about the Dorchester County Democratic Party? Want to meet like-minded people? Bring your coffee and chat with members of our Welcome Committee. Invite your friends!

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Monthly

General Meeting

### **DORCHESTER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

on Zoom

Tuesday, April 13, 7 PM

Featured guests

Open to the public

We welcome Newcomers!

Click [here](#) to sign up.

Click to [Join](#) the  
Democratic Party.

## **DEMOCRACY REQUIRES AN INFORMED ELECTORATE**

*The following are free civics classes on  
timely topics that impact our lives and communities.*



LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

### Good Governance Symposium Series

VOTING RIGHTS • REDISTRICTING • DARK MONEY



ELECTORAL COLLEGE REFORM • ELECTION SYSTEMS

SESSION 3: ELECTORAL COLLEGE AND INSTITUTIONAL REFORMS

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 6:00 PM

***Click on the announcement to register.***

*This session will explore institutional reform options to the Electoral College and U.S. Senate, including the “Popular Vote Pact” and Filibuster reform. They’ll discuss the League’s position on a Constitutional Convention and share ideas for future reforms.*

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## FREE COMMUNITY-BASED REDISTRICTING TRAINING

offered by **CROWD Academy**

**SC Counts** served as an organizing hub for census engagement and is now focused on redistricting. Led by the Southern Coalition for Social Justice and SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center, CROWD academies offer instruction on redistricting, mapping, and ways community members can advocate for a fair and transparent process. Click [here](#) to register for these free classes.

**Lowcountry:** Tuesday, April 27 through Thursday, April 29, from 9:00am-12:00pm

### Recommended Pro-Democracy Podcasts...

*where education is entertainment and you  
can listen on the go or on the couch, for  
free!*

**Joint Resolution**, our own Joe Cunningham interviews legislators to try to find bi-partisan solutions to our most compelling problems.

**Politicology**, with host Ron Steslow, delves into the psychology of politics. The most recent episode examines Georgia's now infamous SB 202, "voter suppression law."

**Justice Matters**, is an 8 to 10-minute discussion of current issues and events from the legal perspective, hosted by Glenn Kirschner, a 30-year federal prosecutor in the Washington, DC area.



### UPCOMING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Town of St. George  
Special Election  
June 1, 2021 for  
vacant Town Council seat,  
District 6;  
registration is open 4/5/2021  
through 4/16/2021.  
Normal municipal election is  
scheduled for November 2, 2021  
for Town Council Districts 2,4 and  
6. Registration is open 8/4 through  
8/18/21.

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## More Excellent Podcasts

[\*\*Walter Edgar's Journal\*\*](#) is an outstanding program that focuses on SC history. It's available on SC Public Radio (89.3 or 89.9 FM), or wherever you get your podcasts. It airs on NPR first at noon on Friday, repeats on Saturday 7 AM and again Sunday afternoon at 4 PM. Or, listen with your browser on your computer, tablet or smartphone.

[\*\*The Daily Beans\*\*](#) is a women-owned and operated social justice and political news podcast, "with just the right amount of snark."

[\*\*#SistersInLaw\*\*](#) is a discussion between four women prosecutors seeking to educate us about the legal frameworks of current events. Episode 6 (3/5/21) explains how a Grand Jury differs from other juries and the pro's and con's of the filibuster.

## NOTEWORTHY MOVIES about Social Justice, Politics and Climate

If you've found an awesome podcast or movie, share it on social media or send it to DorDemsNewsletter@gmail.com.

Thank you!

*Click on titles for trailers.*

• [\*\*United States vs Billie Holiday\*\*](#)—singer Andra Day's film debut, the power of a song and the woman who sang it, on hulu.

• [\*\*The Banker\*\*](#)—the struggles of 2 black entrepreneurs in the 1960's USA, inspired by true events. Apple TV, Netflix, Prime or hulu.

• [\*\*All In: The Fight for Democracy\*\*](#), with Stacey Abrams and others, on Prime or YouTube.

• [\*\*Judas and the Black Messiah\*\*](#)—about the Black Panthers, on Prime.

• [\*\*Kiss the Ground\*\*](#)—how soil microbes influence climate, on Netflix

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## LAST BUT NOT LEAST....

Though vaccines are now available to everyone 16 and over, Covid-19 infections are still high and we must stay vigilant--wearing masks, socially distancing and avoiding large gatherings--because the newer strains are more easily transmitted and can cause more severe infections.

## **Under-prescribed Covid-19 Therapeutics**

Dr. David Kessler, Chief Science Officer for Biden's Covid Response, recommends *for those who test positive for covid and have underlying conditions, monoclonal antibodies can effectively keep them out of the hospital!* 70% of this therapeutic is going unused-- neither patients nor their doctors are asking for it! Please share this with friends and loved ones.