

Republicans Acknowledge They Must Suppress Votes to Win Elections

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The *New York Times* recently [reported](#) that the Republican Party has drawn up a set a “best practices” for suppressing votes in the U.S. The G.O.P needs to do this because, as [a distinctly minority party](#), it can’t win elections without suppressing votes by Democrats.

In 1980, the influential Republican operative Paul Weyrich acknowledged that, to win elections, Republicans must suppress votes. when [he told a gathering](#) of evangelicals, “I don’t want everybody to vote. As a matter of fact, our leverage in the elections quite candidly goes up as the voting populace goes down,” Weyrich said.

President Donald Trump [said the same thing](#) while discussing a bill pending in Congress Mar. 30, 2020: “The things they had in [the bill] were crazy,” Trump said. “They had things, levels of voting that if you’d ever agreed to it, you’d never have a Republican elected in this country again.”

“Everybody shouldn’t be voting,” John Kavanaugh, a Republican in the Arizona state legislature, [told](#) CNN [earlier this month](#) [March 2021]. “Quantity is important, but we have to look at the quality of votes, as well,” Kavanaugh said,