

Keep Your Eye on These Down-Ballot Races Around the Country

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Here in New York and in most of the rest of the country, our primaries are behind us and we are moving on to the November general election. Much national attention and huge amounts of dollars are now rightly focused on the midterm Senate and House races, always a risk for an incumbent

President. However, there are other down-ballot races around the country that are crucial for ensuring election integrity and an honest, fair election in 2024, including the vote for President whoever runs. It is important that we focus our efforts on these races as well.

In 2020 in several key battleground states, election integrity -- which made a huge difference for the Democrats --

was ensured only because of the honesty and integrity of the then-incumbent Republican and Democratic officials in charge of overseeing the vote. But this past year, Trump-supporting 2020 “election deniers” have received the Republican Party’s nomination for those key administrative positions. These candidates subscribe to the falsehood that the 2020 election was not valid and that therefore, draconian disenfranchisement measures are needed. They have supported restrictions on early voting, elimination of drop boxes, restrictions on absentee voting, new voter ID requirements, re-registration requirements and funding an army of election vigilantes to intimidate voters at the polls, not to mention the threat of criminal prosecution for honest mistakes, just to name a few of the positions they have taken. To avert threats of this kind to elections around the country, we must elect candidates who

can instill confidence in this country's democracy and who have demonstrated the ability to conduct honest and fair elections year after year regardless of party affiliation.

Any support, financial aid, phone calls, and FB postings on behalf of the opponents running against these election-denier candidates can help. Spread the word about these below-the-radar, important out-of-state contests.

Any of you national political savants are welcome to add to this list, but I would start with the following races:

- **AZ:** Governor, AG, Secretary of State
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- **PA:** Governor, AG, Secretary of State
- **GA:** Governor, AG,

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