



FGA v. DOJ: The Untold Story

American voters have the right to know what their government is doing. So why are federal agencies ignoring public record requests for strategic plans on federal voter registration efforts?

President Biden's Executive Order 14019 requires federal agency heads to create plans as to how their agencies will increase voter participation by registering and mobilizing voters. But the executive branch has no authority over state elections—state legislatures do. The Foundation for Government Accountability (FGA) filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to gather more details from federal agencies on the plans surrounding this executive order. But

after months with no response to the FOIA, FGA filed a lawsuit against the Department of Justice (DOJ). A federal judge ordered DOJ to comply by September 8 and provide the records to FGA.

Here, FGA election experts and attorneys discuss the lawsuit and how not only do Americans deserve transparency in elections—but the law also requires it. FGA envisions a future where “people can wake up the day after the election and know who won and believe that it was accurate, fair, and trustworthy.” Through thoughtful election reform, transparency on election funding, and holding government officials accountable, we can get closer to that day.

“...A massive get-out-the-vote effort designed by the Left to benefit the Left all paid for on the backs of federal taxpayers is illegal, unethical, and unconstitutional, and that's why FGA is working so hard to stop it.”

—STEWART WHITSON, LEGAL DIRECTOR, FGA



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