Resource Allocation Roadmap

**Proposed Project Structure**

* **Overview of Policy Landscape**
  + What are the laws governing resource allocation?
  + What trends do we see within states? Geographical / political?
  + Are there historical trends worth noting? Are states adopting, or undermining, statutes meant to ensure proper resource allocation?
  + What states are following a set of policies we recommend?
    - Something similar to the Purge Report: We recommend states do X, Y, and Z to ensure that polling places are effectively and equitably resourced
* **Statistical Analyses**
  + At a national level, what predicts how long voters have to wait in lines?
    - Do the policies we discussed in the first section influence wait times? Do states with policy X, for instance, see longer waits than states without policy X?
    - Race / income (the literature has already done a reasonably good job of establishing this)
    - Impact of photo ID (literature hasn’t looked at this)
    - Is there more variation *between* jurisdictions or *within* jurisdictions?
    - What impact did *Shelby County* have on wait times in formerly covered jurisdictions (literature hasn’t looked at this)
  + Deep-dive on precinct-level data in a number of states
    - Target areas formerly covered by the VRA
      * Especially if we find that *Shelby County* had an impact
    - Target areas we did in the Long Lines report
    - Expand to other states where we know there were problems (AZ, NC, NY, GA)

**Timeline**

**May / June**

Max to begin statutory research

* Get a good handle on types of statutes to look at in each state
  + How can states move polling places?
  + Are there minimum requirements for poll workers, etc
* Map out categorizations / start bucketing states
* Identify some of the best practices / start thinking through our proposed guidelines (this will also come out of the statistical findings)

Becca to send out public records requests

* By May 24th, send out first round of requests to states / counties we are sure that we will include
* Working with Kevin, identify second round (“nice to have”) jurisdictions
* Help Kevin compiling state and county specific indicators from around the country
  + Photo ID laws, etc
* Translate Max’s findings from research into spreadsheets that can be used in statistical analyses

Kevin to have good handle on nation-wide statistical research

* Explore impact of *Shelby County*
* Explore relationship between lines and race / economics
* Look into purge impacts
* High-level time trends
* Begin incorporating research done by Max and Becca

**Checkpoint: June 14. What’s been done?**

* **All public records requests sent**
* **Complete set of statutes we think are worth discussing for resource allocation across the country**
* **Preliminary set of best-practices**
* **Good econometric model exploring factors that explain lines nationally**