

There Votes the Neighborhood

Gentrification, Residential Mobility, and Political Participation in Atlanta

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- Although gentrification is not possible without participation from the state, scholars have not investigated how the experience of gentrification influences citizen identity formation and political participation (Thorpe 2021; but see Knotts and Haspel 2006).

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- A growing body of qualitative work explores how local communities form networks capable of resisting displacement through engagement with local government (Betancur 2002; Martin 2007).

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- Gentrification can lead to lower levels of social cohesion (Zukin et al. 2009; Holmes 2020).

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- I'll investigate mobility patterns *and* effects of experiencing gentrification on political participation. These effects will be explored separately for individuals who moved out of their 2010 neighborhood and for those who stayed.

Thanks!

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