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**Data Diary for Final Project**

* Looking for data about number of voting bills proposed by each party of the past decade
  + Create new column to the right of “author” column
  + Name new column “party”
  + Copy and paste values of “author” into “party”
  + Highlight “party” column
  + Find “Author: Robertson (R)” and replace with “Republican”
  + Select “find entire cells only”
  + Replace all
  + Continue process for all authors with (R)
  + Find “Author: Harrell (D)”and replace with “Democrat”
  + Select “find entire cells only”
  + Replace all
  + Continue process for all authors with (D)
  + Find “Author: Kidd (I)” and replace with “Independent”
  + For all bills with authors from both parties – Find “PASTE BILL AUTHORS” and replace with “Bipartisan”
  + For bills with no party in formation given – Find “Author: “ and replace with “No Information”

**7 facts learned from this data set**

1. 2021 had the highest number of voting bills introduced in the past decade

2. So far in 2022, there have been more voting bills introduced than most years in the past decade

3. Republican lawmakers introduced the most bills in 2021 and 2021.

4. Democratic lawmakers introduced significantly more bills than republicans in 2020

5. There hasn’t been a bipartisan voting bill introduced in Georgia since 2020

6. Even though the *Shelby County* decision was in 2013, you don’t start seeing a noticeable effect in the data until after the 2020 presidential election

7. The vast majority of voting bills introduced never make it out of committee and are never enacted

**Data source**: [National Conference of State Legislatures Bill Tracking Database](https://www.ncsl.org/research/telecommunications-and-information-technology/ncsl-50-state-searchable-bill-tracking-databases.aspx)

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