



Forum:GA6

Issue:Addressing the question of electoral integrity with focus on electoral manipulation

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Description of the issue:

The issue is about the electoral¹ integrity² with focus on electoral manipulation. To be more specific, it is about the manipulation, by other countries or financial organisations³, of elections. In this topic both positions can be represented. Both positions, who could talk in favour of the topic, as well as the countries who could talk against the topic are represented. A good example for electoral manipulation is the United States of America, where the electoral integrity of a whole ethnic group got violated

There are two big parties represented, the republicans⁴ and the democrats⁵. Both political parties try to steal votes from the other party like in 2000, where 56.000 black skinned people got deleted from the electoral register with the result that the democrats, who's voter are most of them black skinned, have lost votes. They were removed from the electoral register, with the reason, that they had a criminal background

(source: https://www.deutschlandfunkkultur.de/wahlmanipulation-in-den-usa-klassenkampf-mit-anderen-mitteln.1270.de.html?dram:article_id=361594 / 26.06.2020 ; 7pm. ; German page)

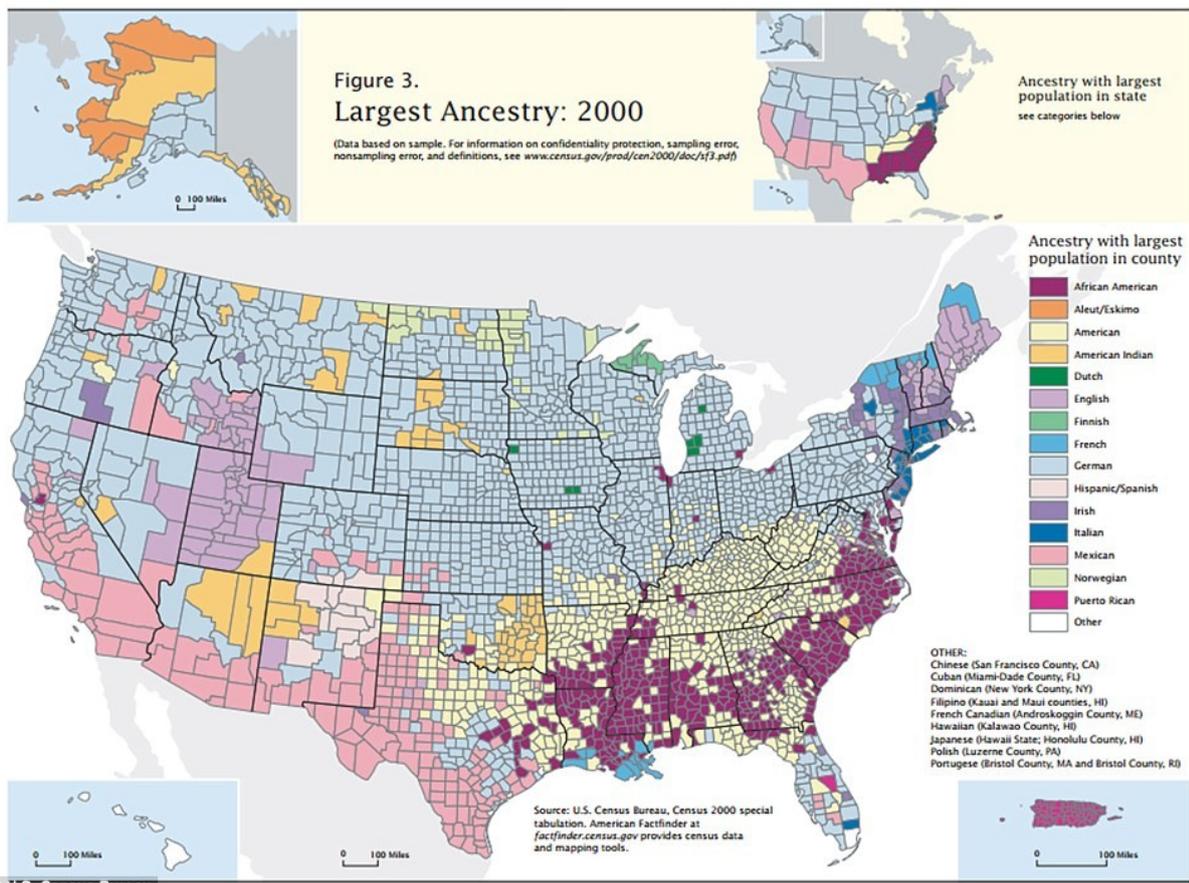
Which geographical regions are affected?



All countries, all over the world, can be affected by this issue. it can occur directly in the country, or the country is influenced by the fact that it happens elsewhere, for example by changing the politics

Background information:

At the social level, there is the problem in this case that manipulations can disadvantage⁷ entire ethnic groups, but not just ethnic groups, but also social groups, such as poor people.



Map 1.

Following example, like in the description of the issue, is the United States of America. The map is from the year 2000, the year when 56.000 black skinned people got deleted from the electoral register. The map shows the ethnic population of the United States of America. The population in



the year 2000, in the US, was by 282 million people. Out of them, 41 million were black skinned or African Americans. You have an exceptionally large proportion of people from this ethnic group

who are affected by the manipulation in the election. Such manipulations can change entire social status, which has the consequence of the social minority.

From a political point of view, outsiders try to manipulate or falsify the election results so that the elections turn out to be in their favor. There is concern that through manipulation someone lives in favor of someone else, as mentioned in the social concerns section, whole ethnic groups must live in disadvantage afterwards.

How is the issue affecting society in general and especially in the regions it takes place?

This can be disadvantageous for many people as they are treated as a minority. Examples are the black skinned or Hispanic people in the USA. By the manipulation of elections, whole ethnic groups, the electoral integrity get violated. Some of the white American citizens feel that they are higher than the ethnic groups and think they can afford themselves a lot. This led to major mass protests in 2020, but also the years before that.

Historical background:

One big known case of manipulating a election is the presidential election of the USA in 2016, when researcher from the British oxford university analysed 1 million internet messages⁶ for their studies and found out, that Russia did propaganda, which spoke for president Donald Trump. Their campaigns aimed to prevent African-American and left-wing voters from participating in the election by means of demotivating messages and to mobilize conservative white voters. This shows that the 2000 incident is not an isolated case and that you can still see it today, which again speaks against integrity.



Glossary:

1. Electoral - political choice
2. Integrity - Flawlessness, honesty, incorruptibility
"the integrity of this man is undeniable"
3. Financial organisations - an institution (public or private) that collects funds (from the public or other **institutions**) and invests them in **financial** assets
4. Republicans - Conservative Party (USA)
5. Democrats - liberal party (USA)
6. Internet messages - "Internet Messages" means something like postings in the Internet
7. Disadvantage - Someone is in disadvantage when he/she get treated as a minority in front of another person

How to prepare as a delegate:

Do some research in general of your country. You should find out if your country were ever involved in electoral manipulation and you should know how your country thinks about the issue. All delegates are required to write at least one draft resolution and two/three position papers so that all topics of the forum are covered. Please send in your paper till 23.08.2020 Every paper sends in, after the deadline will not be corrected by us.

UN resolutions:



1. <https://unsom.unmissions.org/international-community-backs-commitment-somalia%E2%80%99s-electoral-bodies-enforce-rules-electoral-process>
2. <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=55652>

Useful links:

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/12/11/uk-election-experts-fear-online-manipulation-in-political-ads.html>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1TU8b_7dXU

<https://qz.com/1698845/scientists-cant-stop-election-manipulation-but-they-can-study-it/>

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