

Episode 1 Report the Vote

Report the Vote, workshop #1: History of Elections Reporting + Current Issues

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Before we start in on the subject matter today, I want to offer you a few tips for your reporting in general.

Be autodidactic. Always be teaching yourself some thing new that's important. Or always stay aware of how the things you already know are changing. That's true for everything from subject matter content to the equipment you use to record it.

It's no one's job but your own to stay on top of what's happening now. And I'll tell you right here. No one's ever going to serve you what you need to know on a silver platter. Don't let anyone get between you and the information you need. Thank you, my rant is over.

One other thing is that if you hear a small lap dog becoming hysterical, that's just my chihuahua Riley telling you what a great job you're doing. Don't worry about it.

—> What is the goal of election reporting?

- [Election Standards at the Carter Center](#)
- Support democracy
- Make sure people who can vote actually succeed in voting
- Make sure the people who can vote feel empowered by doing it
- Make sure the vote is fair and legal

—>The electoral history of your region/town/issue – CAN AT TIMES be a roadmap for understanding what might happen next.

----->How has the presidential election raised issues in your local area? How does it impact everyday people?

—> The Voting Rights Act: what it is, how it's been dismantled, and how that's impacting regions and local communities [NPR: The Voting Rights Act is being attacked from 'every possible angle,' journalist says](#)

EXERCISE Use a three-point search to look up any newsworthy stories about your regional electoral system over the past 5 years.

- From Sri Lanka: [The Principles of Election Reporting](#)
- [JENIFER BRANDEL on intentional storytelling](#)
- [2024 Campaign Journalists Conference Convention video page](#)
- [Minnesota Voting Rights Act passed. May 2024](#)

That's it for our workshop. Friends, listen to me for a minute: Whatever we have 5 years from now is gonna be something you made. So thanks for being with us and hope to see you next time. I'm Lisa Loving and this is Report the Vote. Brought to you by Pacifica Network Association of Affiliates and WNUC Low Power FM in Detroit.

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