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How do you anticipate, if at all, your reporting on elections may change in the next 2-4 years?

I don't think my process will change all that much. It's funny, in recent weeks, a lot of people have asked me some version of "voting is over, what are you going to cover now?" and I've had to explain that elections really is a full-time beat nowadays. That said, I do wonder whether next year will be less frantic than 2021 in terms of legislation and the pressurized environment since early indications are that the public is [pretty happy](#) with how the voting system worked this time around. But voting is still a major story. The country obviously just elected someone who has said for years the current elections system is fraudulent, so a lot of my time will probably be spent following the ways he does or doesn't use the office of the presidency to "fix" that problem.

What do you think will be the biggest stories--election administration-wise of course--in the next 2-4 years?

There are a few big picture themes I'm really interested in, partially because I have no idea where they go from here.

1. Grassroots election denial. At a time when people [aren't as motivated](#) to think elections are stolen, how does that post-2020 movement adapt?
2. Democracy reform. [Our team](#) has covered this a bunch, and I really enjoyed [Russell Berman's look](#) at the failures of ranked choice voting to take the country by storm this fall. I'm always interested in thinking about the future of voting.
3. What happens at the federal level? There are a lot of question marks about how Trump's DHS will view election security as a priority, and I'm also curious what Congress does over the next few years when it comes to funding.
4. Voter registration. How states keep their lists up to date has been the source of much [debate](#), [innovation](#), and [frustration](#).
5. The profession of election administration will continue to be worth watching. It's been a brutal few years! Will more officials call it quits?

The media focus on elections officials was pretty intense the past few years, but I would suspect a lot of that will die down. That's good and bad of course. What advice would you give to state and local elections officials to stay engaged with the media?

NASS and NASED both proactively put out lists of state media contacts ahead of elections, in a spreadsheet, with the best contact information for each jurisdiction. It's a small thing, but it is SO

helpful to have handy when questions come up. Anything election officials can do to make it easy to get to the right person on deadline is appreciated.