

Moving Forward Together

Living Solutions: North Carolina

Throughout the 20th century, voter turnout ranked consistently in the **bottom 15** states

BUT!

After a 5-year battle, reformers passed **same-day registration** in 2007, allowing **more than 100,000** people to **vote**

AS A RESULT

By the 2008 elections, voter turnout reached almost **70%**, the **highest** in **40 years**

THEN

Art Pope and his far-right network campaigned for 27 races and 21 of candidates **won** -for the first time since 1870, **Republicans** gained full **control**

AND

In 2013 the GOP-controlled government passed **anti-democracy laws**, proven to reduce voter turnout

DESPITE ALL THIS

The **Moral Mondays Movement** arose, growing from NC NAACP, including **200+** organizations and **2M+** members

In 2016 a federal appeals court **struck down** parts of the NC **anti-democracy** laws, **targeting** African American voters

AND...

Because of democracy activists, Gov. McCrory was **defeated** in 2016

Ways To Be a Democracy Champion:

- **Stay up to date:** Following groups like the [Brennan Center](#), [Democracy Initiative](#), [Common Cause](#), and [Represent.Us](#) on Twitter is a great way to stay tuned in
- **Learn together:** join the informal nitty-gritty of organizing, self-education, and producing new narratives that fight despair and enable Americans to see possibility
- **Experience the "thrill of democracy":** choose civil courage, bond with strangers in common action, and realize your power as a citizen lobbyist
- **Enter the Race:** Find your democratic voice by connecting with a candidate that reflects your values, or run yourself!

Take **one** step. There is a **big difference** between **one** and **zero**.

Check out *Daring Democracy* by Frances Moore Lappé and Adam Eichen and the *Field Guide to the Democracy Movement* for ways to get involved!

