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**U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Releases Report:  
*Contemporary Civil Rights Challenges: A View from the States –  
2018 Survey of the State Advisory Committees***

Washington, DC – Today, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights released its report: *Contemporary Civil Rights Challenges: A View from the States – 2018 Survey of the State Advisory Committees*. The Commission's 51 state Advisory Committees (SACs) – in all 50 states and the District of Columbia – are our eyes and ears on the ground for civil rights advocacy at state and local levels. The report is available on the Commission's [website](#).

This report details the Commission's comprehensive survey of SAC members, capturing data on their civil rights priorities. Of eight areas of civil rights that fall within the Commission's jurisdiction, the top three areas of current importance to SAC members are:

- 35.8 percent - race/color;
- 22.8 percent - administration of justice;
- 16.6 percent - voting rights.

Additional high priority civil rights topics included education, criminal justice, freedom of expression, and civil rights enforcement.

Regional patterns as well as national consensus in experts' civil rights priorities offer an important window into Americans' experience of civil rights, informing the Commission and the public about areas for increased attention and development.

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*The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, established by the Civil Rights Act of 1957, is the only independent, bipartisan agency charged with advising the President and Congress on civil rights and reporting annually on federal civil rights enforcement. Our 51 state Advisory Committees offer a broad perspective on civil rights concerns at state and local levels. The Commission: in our 7<sup>th</sup> decade, a continuing legacy of influence in civil rights. For more information about the Commission and our Committees, please visit [www.usccr.gov](http://www.usccr.gov) and follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).*