



Supporting \$2,000 Stimulus Checks Delivered Democrats the Senate Majority

Support for \$2,000 stimulus checks propelled Democratic candidates to victory in Georgia, proving that robust public investment isn't just good policy, it's good politics.

✓ Georgia voters were hit hard by the COVID-19 economic crisis.

- More than 4 million Georgians filed for unemployment from March through December.
- By November, Georgia's unemployment insurance enrollment was 10 times higher than before the pandemic began, and 3 million Georgians struggled to cover household expenses.
- A staggering 63% of Georgia voters supported \$1,200 pandemic relief checks by November — and a paltry 22% thought the proposed \$600 checks were enough.

✓ Ossoff, Warnock forcefully advocated for stimulus checks while GOP balked

- Democrats embraced putting money directly in people's hands — both Senator Warnock and Senator Ossoff relentlessly campaigned on more stimulus checks — party leaders echoed that message, and President Biden himself campaigned in Georgia saying that electing the pair would “put an end to the block in Washington” for a new round of checks.
- Meanwhile, Republicans balked at the wildly popular proposal — Perdue was “personally opposed” to, and “fought against,” direct stimulus checks, while Loeffler *took public credit* for cutting stimulus checks from \$1,200 to \$600.
- As January 5 approached, Republican senators were privately sounding the alarm, warning that waffling on checks could cost them the majority — Mitch McConnell *himself conceded* that supporting larging checks would've boosted their chances of winning.

✓ Warnock, Ossoff won the economic message by advocating for stimulus checks, winning the election and giving Democrats the majority.

- McConnell's approval among Georgia Republicans plummeted from 70% to 57% in Dec.
- Low-income voters voted in abnormally high numbers compared to past elections, and voters earning less than \$50,000 broke for Democrats over Republicans by 14%.
- Analysts across the political spectrum agreed that Warnock and Ossoff won by owning direct economic relief, while Republicans painted themselves as obstructionists.