

DISABLED VOTERS + NEW DISABLED SOUTH



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DISABLED
SOUTH

newdisabledsouth.org



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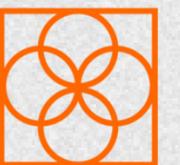
Dom Kelly | he/him

Founder, President
and CEO

- Husband, father, movement leader, organizer, writer, social entrepreneur, political strategist, musician
- UPenn graduate, doctoral student
 - Disabled since birth
- Student of disability justice



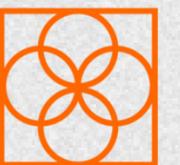
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NEW DISABLED SOUTH

27 team members

Fully disabled team
intersecting with other
identities - queer, BIPOC,
immigrant, and trans

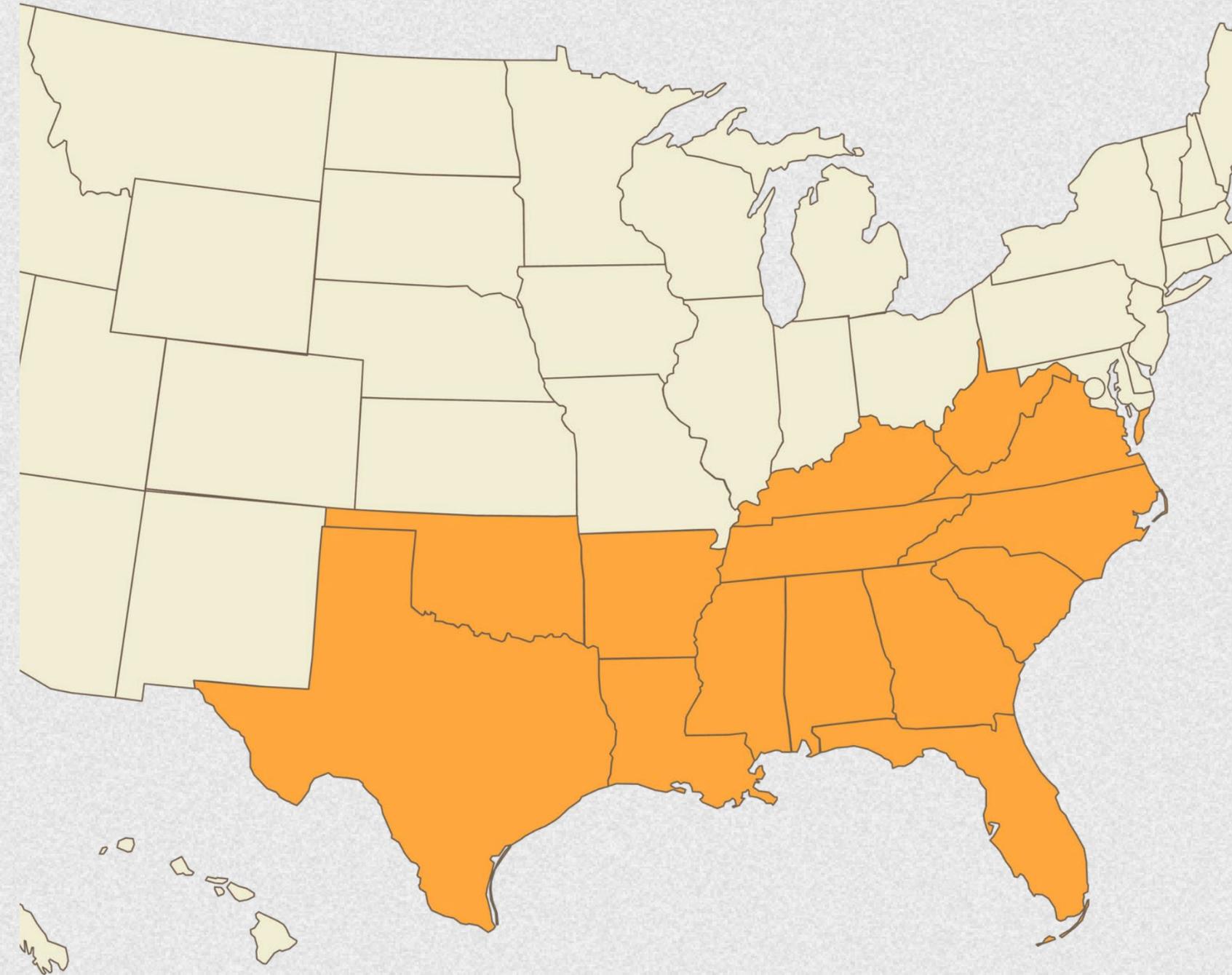


MISSION

To improve the lives of disabled people and build strong disability justice and rights movements in the South.

VISION

A South where liberation and justice for all disabled people is achievable.



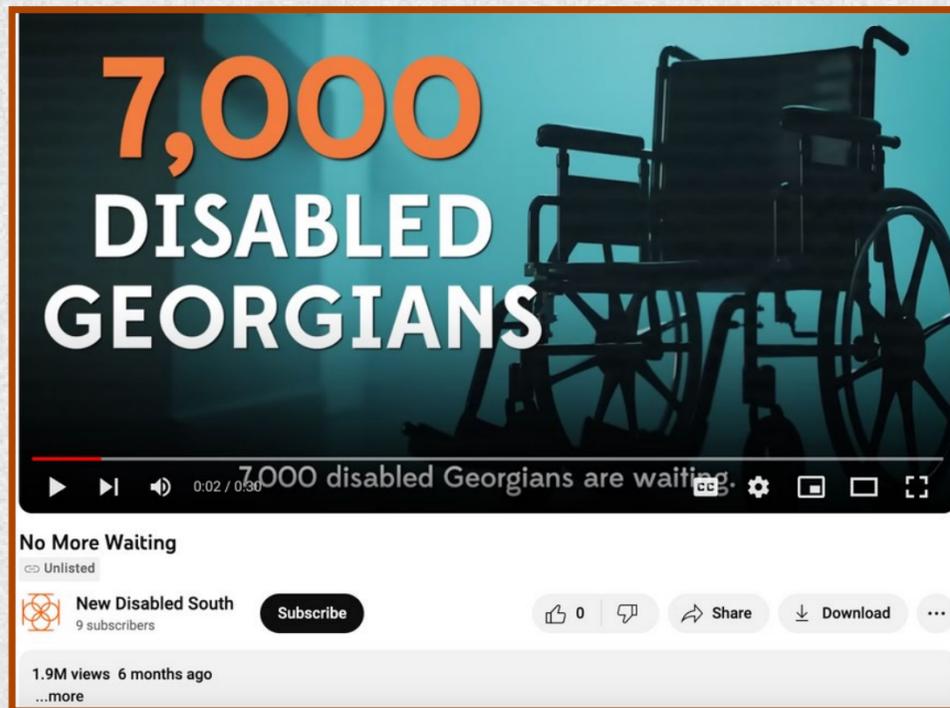
THE SOLUTION

- Organizing and base -building
- Investment in research and data
- Narrative change and storytelling
- Bleeding edge -tech and accessibility



WINS

Historic government investment in Georgia's community care



STATE

'The application process is long and daunting' | Thousands waiting for Georgia disability waivers despite more state funding

The state's budget has grown over 30% to try and meet the growing demand for NOW and COMP waivers.

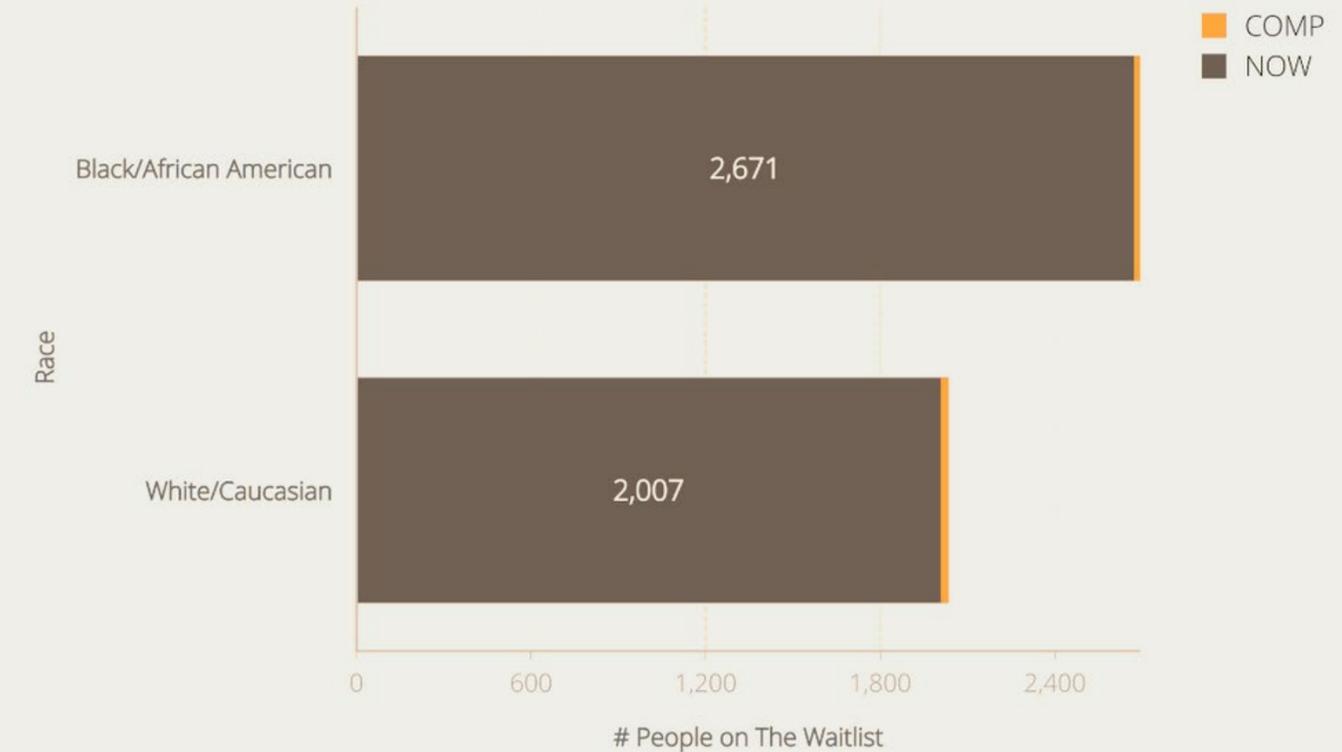


WINS

First ever report on racial disparities
in state care economy

There are more Black Georgians on the NOW/COMP Waiver Waitlist

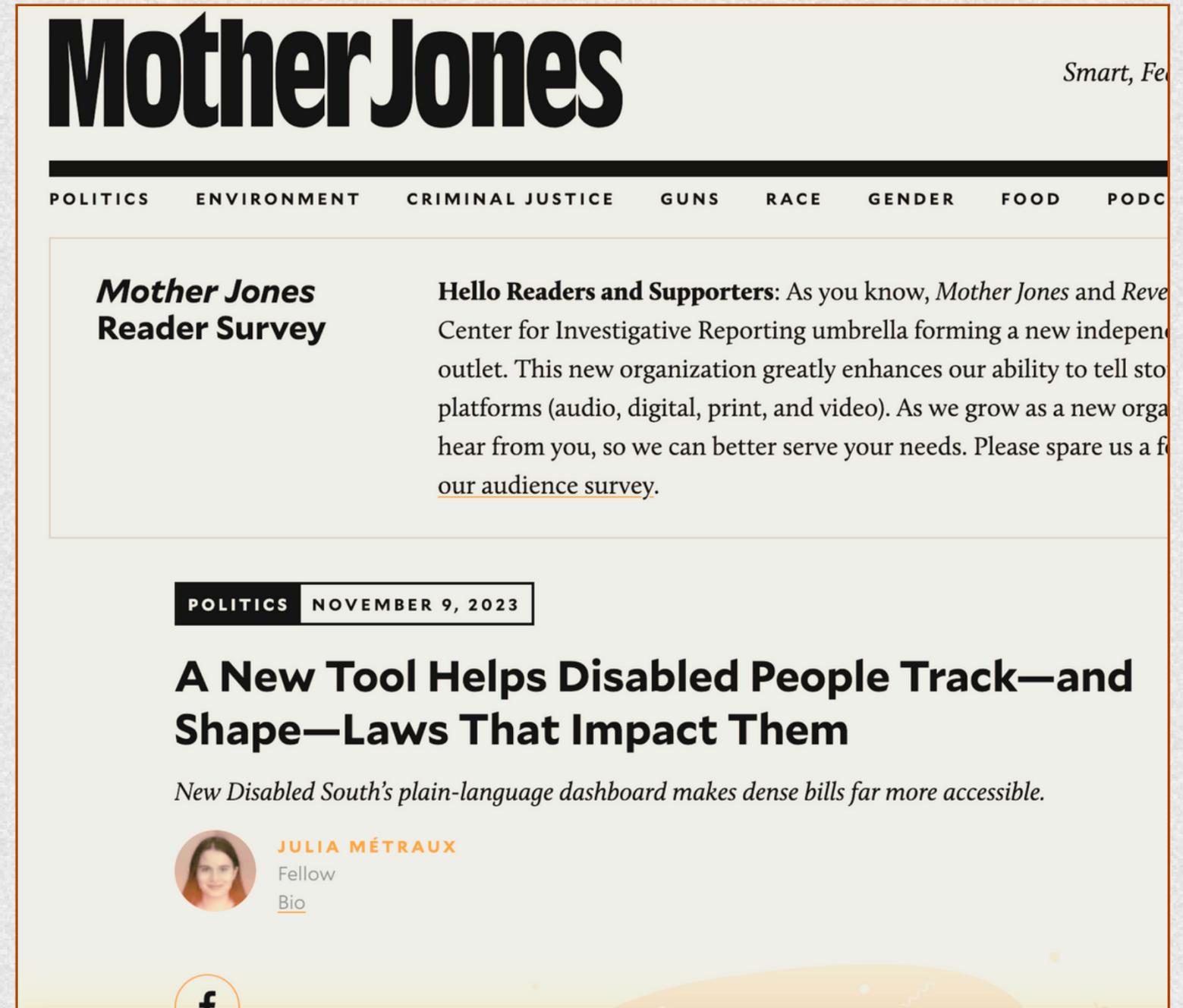
There are 27.9% more Black Georgia residents on the NOW/COMP waiver waitlist than White Georgians



Note: This is examining races that make up more than 5% of Georgia's population and more than 10% of the state's Waiver recipient or waitlist Source: New Disabled South Research Team analysis of State of Georgia NOW/COMP waiver waitlist 2019-2023

WINS

AI-powered policy dashboard to educate community and combat mis- and disinformation



The screenshot shows the Mother Jones website header with the logo and tagline "Smart, Fearless". Below the header is a navigation bar with categories: POLITICS, ENVIRONMENT, CRIMINAL JUSTICE, GUNS, RACE, GENDER, FOOD, and PODCASTS. The main content area features a "Mother Jones Reader Survey" announcement, followed by a "Hello Readers and Supporters" message. Below this is a featured article titled "A New Tool Helps Disabled People Track—and Shape—Laws That Impact Them" by Julia Métraux, dated November 9, 2023. The article's sub-headline reads: "New Disabled South's plain-language dashboard makes dense bills far more accessible." A small Facebook icon is visible at the bottom left of the article preview.

Mother Jones Smart, Fearless

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Mother Jones Reader Survey

Hello Readers and Supporters: As you know, *Mother Jones* and *Reveal* Center for Investigative Reporting umbrella forming a new independent outlet. This new organization greatly enhances our ability to tell stories on multiple platforms (audio, digital, print, and video). As we grow as a new organization, we want to hear from you, so we can better serve your needs. Please spare us a few minutes to complete our [audience survey](#).

POLITICS NOVEMBER 9, 2023

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 **JULIA MÉTRAUX**
Fellow
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LOOKING AHEAD

- Launching the **Black Disability Institute**
- Growing our Plain Language Policy Dashboard
- Dropping a **Disabled Voter Bill of Rights** in Georgia
- Expanding our team



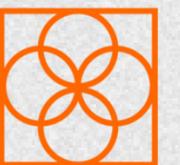
WHY DISABLED VOTERS MATTER



- **17.7 million disabled people voted in 2020. 15.8 million voted in 2022.**
- **Voter suppression impacts disabled voters disproportionately**
- **Disabled voters will vote in historic numbers this election cycle**
- **Current lack of data & specific outreach to disabled voters on a broad scale**



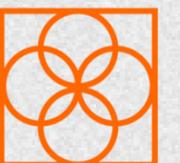
- Only 16% of polling places are accessible
- Barriers to absentee voting
 - Criminalization of assistance
 - ID requirements
 - Ballot drop box limits
- Long lines and poll worker training
- Plain language considerations
- Targeting voters in nursing homes and congregate settings



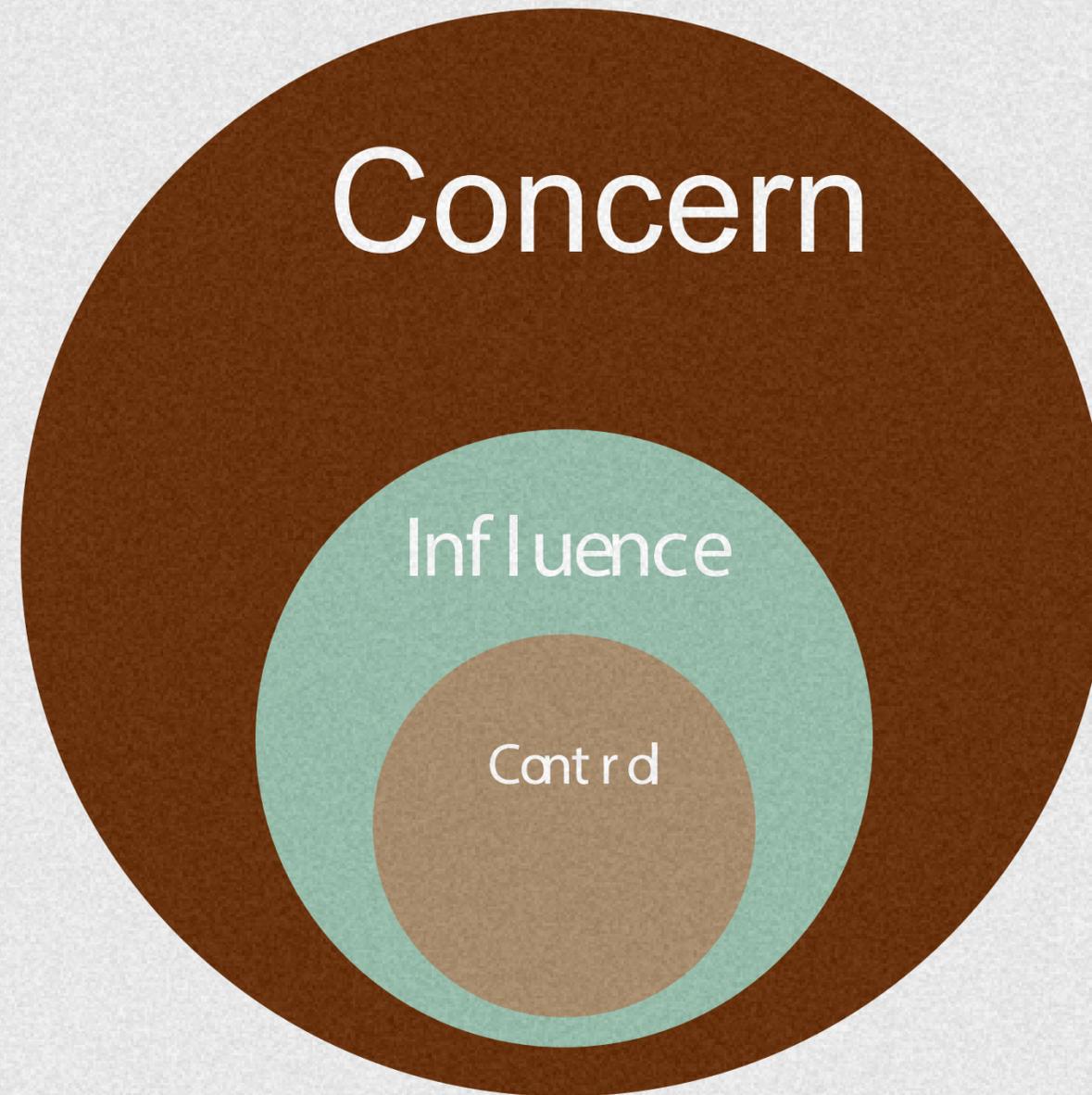
GEORGIA IS DISABLED



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A CULTURE ROOTED IN DISABILITY JUSTICE



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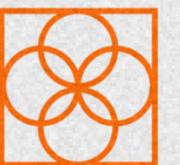
Imagine our communities in

5 years
25 years
100 years
500 years

What does it feel like to be part of creating
that future?

What does it feel like to win?

What does it feel like to thrive WHILE winning?



THANK YOU!

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