

"Stacy Abrams was robbed in Georgia Governor Race by Brian Kemp", "Stacy Abrams has a plan to turn Georgia blue" "In Georgia's government race, a defining moment for the southern state" and more headlines blared across newspapers this November as Democrat Stacy Abrams and Republican Brian Kemp went head-to-head for the position as Georgia's governor.

Stacy Abrams, the 45 year old politician, lawyer, and novelist ran for Georgia's gubernatorial office this November, promising equality and justice for all! Beside her political pursuits, she's the author of 8 thrilling romance novels under the pen name Selena Montgomery, and an avid storyteller. She also founded some helpful organizations: the New Georgia Project, helping more than 200,000 voters of color get registered. Additionally, she spearheaded the NOW Account which helps small businesses grow.

The fact that Stacy is running for an office in Georgia, one of the most segregated states in the US, is already showing that she does not conform to usual expectations. As an outspoken African American woman she is breaking both gender roles and race roles. She delivered riveting speeches and spoke out against discrimination, gaining many followers throughout the race for the polls.

While many other victories ensued in neighboring states, Georgia was not the same. Candidate Stacy Abrams lost, 49.8-50.8% and went on to accuse Brian Kemp of rigging the election by denying thousands of people ballots, moving voting locations at the last minute, or opening polls late. Whether this was a true accusation or not, we can all agree that Stacy faced an extremely divided state and almost won. That alone is already a long-awaited victory.

Stacy Abrams has inspired me because, even though she lost, she made her mark on the election, encouraging African Americans everywhere to speak about racism and discrimination. She is defending her race proudly no matter what other people say. People that would previously never had heard of her until this November have rushed to Google and Wikipedia to learn more (She was the top most Googled politician this year!). That alone is raising awareness, but she's not stopping there. Recently, she gave a TED talk about responding to setback, and she's planning to run again. Will the vote go in her favor next time or will she be shut out again? I know I'll be scanning the headlines for her name in a couple of years!