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*Experts Available to Comment on Redlining & Momentum in the Primaries*

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Happy Valentine’s Day from our team to yours. We’d love to connect you with experts for your coverage on the race for the Democratic nomination.

**Michael Bloomberg on Redlining**
The AP reported yesterday that Michael Bloomberg blamed the end of redlining as the reason for the 2008 economic collapse.

University of Richmond’s Digital Scholarship Lab’s [Mapping Inequality](https://mapping.inequality.org) project is the largest collection of maps focused on the discriminatory housing practice. Digital Scholarship Lab Director [Rob Nelson](https://www.urmc.edu/ScholarshipLab/) is available to discuss redlining and its impact.

**Voter momentum during primary season**
In a [new piece](https://theconversation.com/voter-momentum-during-primary-season-134885) this week with *The Conversation*, political science professors [Ernest McGowen](https://www.urmc.edu/News/2019/02/14/Ernest-McGowen.php) and [Dan Palazzolo](https://www.urmc.edu/News/2019/02/14/Dan-Palazzolo.php) explain their research on the correlation between media coverage and the "momentum" often referenced by political candidates.

"When a candidate exceeds expectations in a primary or caucus, the media responds with favorable coverage, which in turn influences polls, donations and volunteers. Interestingly, the momentum of the insurgent has a stronger effect on media coverage than that of the front-runner."

McGowen and Palazzolo can discuss what it means for a candidate to have momentum, and how momentum affects the media’s coverage of the Democratic candidates in 2020.

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