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Libby --

Conventional wisdom holds that the South is -- and always will be -- politically conservative. A careful analysis of demographic data and electoral trends, however, will show that the path to progressive power in America runs through the South and Southwest. And, under the radar, one of the prime states poised to turn from Red to Blue is Georgia.

In today's Political Intelligence, Georgia House Minority Leader (and PAC+ Board member) Stacey Abrams gives us the 411 on the political transformation taking place in Georgia. It is a transformation that could lead Michelle Nunn (a PAC+ priority candidate this year) to win a U.S. Senate seat and hold the Senate for the Dems. And it is a revolution that could put the state in play in the 2016 Presidential election, and, ultimately, lead to Democrats taking control of the state legislature.

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In Solidarity and Hope,
Steve

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**Georgia's Tipping Point**
**By Stacey Abrams, GA House Minority Leader**

The 2014 elections offer Georgians and those watching the South an early ray of hope for an accelerated transformation of the state's politics. Despite popular perception, the distance between Democrats and Republicans in the last few elections has been tantalizingly close: 300,000 vote gap for President Obama in 2012 and a 258,000 deficit for the Democratic nominee in 2010. In a state of nearly 6.5 million eligible voters, the question is not whether Georgia will turn blue but when. Contrary to demographers who point to 2020 for the tipping point, if we are able to harness the potential already here in the state, Georgia begins its transition in November.

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