

# Voting



## TERMS

### ELECTORAL COLLEGE

Tasked with electing the President of the United States, state representation in this voting body is determined by the number of representatives in each state.

### VOTER REGISTRATION

Everyone in the US must register before being able to vote; states have different requirements for registration. Does not protect from voter suppression.



### REPRESENTATIVE

A person elected by the people of a Representative Government who is tasked with speaking and acting on their behalf.

### VOTER SUPPRESSION

When someone's ability to vote is denied, discouraged, or disrupted.

### GERRYMANDERING

When district boundaries are altered to give an unfair advantage to certain political parties in an election.

## DATES

**1788:** States are given the power to govern voting.

**1870:** 15th Amendment passed, granting all male U.S. citizens the right to vote.

**1920s:** 19th Amendment passed, granting white women the right to vote. Indigenous persons born in the U.S. were similarly granted the right to vote in 1924.

**1965:** Voting Rights Act (VRA) guaranteed all Americans could vote, particularly people of color.

**2013:** Shelby County v. Holder, a U.S. Supreme Court ruling removing a part of the VRA which protected against discrimination.



## VALUES

### ACCOUNTABILITY

### EQUAL ACCESS

### KNOWING YOUR RIGHTS

### CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY

### USING YOUR VOICE

## PEOPLE



FANNIE LOU HAMER



MERRICK GARLAND



STACEY ABRAMS



MABEL PING-HUA LEE



LATOSHA BROWN

## STATISTICS

For the 2022 election, **31.8%** of voters cast ballots by mail, up from **23.1%** in 2018.

Voter registration in 2022 was the **highest in 20 years** for congressional elections.

What does disenfranchisement look like?

**6%** of Black Americans could not vote because of disenfranchisement laws

**18%** of voters with disabilities had difficulty voting independently

**32%** of Native Americans in South Dakota found polls inaccessible

**8** states enacted restrictive voting laws.

**39** states considered 408 restrictive voting bills this year.

At least **15%** of U.S. citizens did not vote between 2018-2022 because they believe that their vote wouldn't make a difference.

Some credit the celebrity bump for helping to increase voter turnout:

Oprah --> **12.5%** uptick.

Taylor Swift --> **11%** uptick.



## ACTION

- Commit to one weekly action to spread awareness about voting!
- Share our infographic.
- Register to vote, encourage others to do the same, & don't forget to vote!



- Learn about your local, state, and national elections (e.g., attend events where you can meet candidates).
- Learn the relationship between a Democracy and a Republic.



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