

## Voting Rights Organizations

Below is a list of Voting Rights Organizations listed in alphabetical order. In addition to a description of each group, every listing provides a way that you can “take action” and volunteer to register voters, protect voting rights, and educate voters. **It is not enough just to vote, we must ensure that all Americans who want to vote can do so this November.**

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### American Civil Liberties Union

The ACLU is engaged in advocacy and litigation across the country to get rid of harmful voter suppression measures once and for all.

#### Action

- In addition to signing petitions and donating, you can host an event or attend an event in your community. From letter-writing parties or organizing protest to attending city council meetings, the ACLU provides an easy to bring your friends and neighbors together to take action and advocate for an issue relevant to your community.
  - <https://www.aclu.org/issues/voting-rights/fighting-voter-suppression>
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### Brennan Center for Justice

The Brennan Center works to make voting free, fair, and easy. Their reforms are modernizing American elections, starting with automatic voter registration and measures to ensure election security. And they fight restrictive voting policies that make it harder to vote.

#### Action

- The Brennan Center regularly holds free public events in New York and D.C., aimed at education and advancing public debate.
  - For Lawyers: The Brennan Center works with dozens of lawyers from more than 30 law firms on a variety of project that further their litigation, research, and public advocacy efforts.
  - <https://www.brennancenter.org/get-involved>
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### Common Cause

Common Cause wins concrete, pro-democracy reforms that break down barriers to participation, ensure each of us has an equal voice and vote, and rebuild trust in our government. By empowering people like you to make change, they have an impact in every congressional district and state legislature.

#### Action

- You can volunteer at a Common Cause state office, phonebank or become a grassroots lobbyist— whatever you want to do to help, they've got you covered.
- Sign up to join Common Cause’s Action Team – a group of dedicated members who fight for our democracy online and offline with support and training from their staff.
- <https://actionnetwork.org/forms/join-the-action-team>

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## **Election Protection**

The national, nonpartisan Election Protection coalition works year-round to ensure that all voters have an equal opportunity to vote and have that vote count. Made up of more than 100 local, state and national partners, Election Protection uses a wide range of tools and activities to protect, advance and defend the right to vote.

Election Protection provides Americans from coast to coast with comprehensive information and assistance at all stages of voting – from registration, to absentee and early voting, to casting a vote at the polls, to overcoming obstacles to their participation.

### Action

- Volunteers provide voter information, document problems they encounter when voting and work with partners and volunteers on the ground to identify and remove barriers to voting. Election Protection focuses on the voter—not on the political horse race—and provides guidance, information and help to any American, regardless of his or her voting choices.
- Voter Assistant Call Centers -- Support voters by answering their questions, helping them navigate the voting process, and responding to reports of problems.
- Field Programs at the Polls --In select locations, volunteers go to the polls to answer voter questions in person and respond to any voting issues that arise.
- <https://electionprotection.wetheaction.org>

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## **Fair Fight**

Founded by Stacy Abrams, Fair Fight promotes fair elections in Georgia and around the country, encouraging voter participation in elections, and educating voters about elections and their voting rights. Fair Fight brings awareness to the public on election reform, advocates for election reform at all levels, and engages in other voter education programs and communications.

### Action

- Fair Fight PAC has initiated programs to support voter protection programs at state parties around the country and is engaging in partnerships to support and elect pro voting rights, progressive leaders.
- Sign up to join the fight! <https://fairfight.com/about-fair-fight>

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## **iVote**

iVote was created in 2014 with one goal: secure voting rights for all Americans. iVote focuses on two vehicles to go on offense for voting rights: Electing Democratic voting rights champions as secretary of state and passing automatic voter registration in states across the country.

### Action

- iVote is leading campaigns to train Democrats, equip candidates, and run independent expenditure campaigns to elect voting rights champions to the office of Secretary of State in key states across the country (Arizona, Colorado, Iowa, Michigan, Nevada, New Mexico, Ohio). [https://www.ivoteforamerica.org/secretaries\\_of\\_state](https://www.ivoteforamerica.org/secretaries_of_state)

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## League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters (LWV) challenges all efforts and tactics that threaten our democracy and limit the ability of voters to exercise their right to vote.

### Action

- Donate to or contact your local LWV chapter to see how you can help. LWV volunteers go out ahead of elections to register new. You can sign up for email and text alerts at the LWV website to learn how to organize in your community.
- <https://www.lwv.org/take-action>
- <https://www.lwv.org/voting-rights/fighting-voter-suppression>

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## Let America Vote

Let America Vote was started to fight back against proposals across the country that make it harder for eligible voters to exercise their constitutional right to cast a ballot. They advocate for pro-voter policies that make the process more reasonable. Through online and grassroots organizing, an aggressive earned media strategy, and advertising campaigns, Let America Vote plays a crucial role among the existing network of organizations fighting for voting rights.

### Action

- Join Let America Vote's mobile action team, and they will send you quick ways you can take a stand for voting rights every week.
- <https://www.letamericavote.org/action/>

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## Power The Polls

Power the Polls is a first-of-its-kind initiative to recruit poll workers to ensure a safe, fair election for all voters. Most poll workers are over the age of 60 and, in the era of uncertainty caused by the coronavirus, fewer are signing up for the job. The consequences have already been felt in several recent primaries, where poll worker shortages led to long lines and voter disenfranchisement.

Power the Polls will be a part of the solution by addressing the need for healthy and diverse poll workers who can staff in-person voting locations during early voting and on Election Day.

### Action

- Sign up to be a poll worker in your community. Qualifications vary by jurisdiction. Many states require poll workers to be registered to vote in the state or their local jurisdiction. In some cases, younger people who aren't yet eligible to vote can also serve as poll workers.
- Contact your local election office to find out the requirements and to sign up to be an election worker.
- Volunteer inquiries can be sent to [volunteer@powerthepolls.org](mailto:volunteer@powerthepolls.org)
- <https://www.powerthepolls.org/>

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## Rock the Vote

Since 1990, Rock the Vote has activated millions of young people across the country to exercise their rights and represent their interests. You can volunteer to work on Voter Registration Drives, Get Out The Vote Efforts, or get involved with the Rock the Vote Action Fund, where you can email your Senators to improve ballot access by passing the Natural Disaster and Emergency Ballot Act (NDBA) of 2020.

### Action

- Volunteer at <https://www.rockthevote.org/get-involved/volunteer-with-rock-the-vote/>
- Urge your Senators to pass the NDBA here: <https://rockthevoteactionfund.org/>

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## Spread the Vote

Spread the Vote works to ensure that people have what they need to vote. 77% of the people they work with have never voted before, and 100% of their clients cannot vote without their help. The largest population of voters in America is people who are registered to vote, but don't turnout at the polls. Why not? Challenges with transportation, childcare, voter education, and more keep people from showing up on election day. That's why Spread the Vote does the following:

- Obtains IDs for eligible voters in voter ID states
- Makes election guides for real people
- Creates digital and real-world educational tools
- Educates voters
- Helps voters make and execute a plan to vote

### Action

- If you live in a Voter ID state, you can sign up to volunteer with a local chapter or start your own chapter. Visit Spread the Vote's state page to get started
- <https://www.spreadthevote.org/volunteer>

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## Vote Save America

Vote Save America provides a one-stop shop for all the information and tools you need to vote and to help others vote in 2020. The website and initiative were started by Crooked Media, a political media company founded by former Obama staffers Jon Favreau, Jon Lovett and Tommy Vietor.

### Action

The site offers information that will help you to:

- Register to vote or check that you are still registered to vote
- Request your absentee ballot so you can vote by mail
- Volunteer locally
- Adopt a crucial state – Arizona Florida, Michigan, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin -- that will have a big impact in 2020
- <https://votesaveamerica.com/save-america/>

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## When We All Vote

When We All Vote is a non-profit, nonpartisan organization that is on a mission to increase participation in every election and close the race and age voting gap by changing the culture around voting, harnessing grassroots energy, and through strategic partnerships to reach every American. Launched in 2018 by co-chairs Michelle Obama, Tom Hanks, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Janelle Monae, Chris Paul, Faith Hill and Tim McGraw, When We All Vote is changing the culture around voting using a data-driven and multifaceted approach to increase participation in elections. In the months directly before the 2018 midterm elections, When We All Vote organized 2,500 local voter registration events across the country, engaged 200 million Americans online about the significance of voting, and texted nearly four million voters the resources to register and get out to vote.

### Action

- Sign up to volunteer, and they will send you updates on volunteer opportunities.
- Apply to be a voting squad captain – Build your own team and When We All Vote will provide you with all the tools, training, and resources you need to make your voter registration efforts a success.
- Join the My School Votes Program – Students and teachers can get resources and trainings to execute a voter registration program at your school.
- <https://www.whenweallvote.org/takeaction/>

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## You Can Vote

You Can Vote helps citizens become voters. You Can Vote trains and mobilizes volunteers to educate, register, and empower all North Carolina citizens to successfully cast their ballot.

### Action

- You Can Vote trains and mobilizes volunteers to effectively share information about upcoming elections, help voters to register and understand their rights, and remind voters when and where to cast their ballot.
- <https://www.youcanvote.org/volunteer>

## SOCIAL JUSTICE ORGANIZATIONS

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### **Black Lives Matter**

#BlackLivesMatter was founded in 2013 in response to the acquittal of Trayvon Martin's murderer. Black Lives Matter's mission is to eradicate white supremacy and build local power to intervene in violence inflicted on Black communities by the state and vigilantes. By combating and countering acts of violence, creating space for Black imagination and innovation, and centering Black joy, we are winning immediate improvements in our lives.

#### Action

- Join the Movement to fight for Freedom, Liberation and Justice by signing up for updates, supporting their work, checking out their resources, following them on social media, or wearing their official gear.
- <https://blacklivesmatter.com/about/>

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### **Equal Justice Initiative**

The Equal Justice Initiative is committed to ending mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the United States, to challenging racial and economic injustice, and to protecting basic human rights for the most vulnerable people in American society. EJI works with communities that have been marginalized by poverty and discouraged by unequal treatment. They are committed to changing the narrative about race in America.

#### Action

- Your contribution is critical to EJI's efforts to end mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the United States, challenge racial and economic injustice, and protect the basic human rights for the most vulnerable people in American society.
- <https://support.eji.org/give/153413/#!/donation/checkout>

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### **NAACP's Legal Defense and Education Fund**

The [NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.](#) is America's premier legal organization fighting for racial justice. Through litigation, advocacy, and public education, LDF seeks structural changes to expand democracy, eliminate disparities, and achieve racial justice in a society that fulfills the promise of equality for all Americans. LDF also defends the gains and protections won over the past 75 years of civil rights struggle and works to improve the quality and diversity of judicial and executive appointments.

Since its founding in 1940, LDF has been a pioneer in the struggle to secure and protect the voting rights of African-Americans. LDF has been involved in nearly all of the precedent-setting litigation relating to minority voting rights. LDF's political participation group uses legal, legislative, public education and advocacy strategies to promote the full, equal, and active participation of African-Americans in America's democracy.

#### Action

- Join the fight to protect our democracy.
- <https://www.naacpldf.org/support/>