ELECTION PROTECTION 2012: WHAT VOTERS FACE & HOW WE CAN HELP

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A national hub of voter engagement resources and trainings to help nonprofits integrate nonpartisan voter participation into ongoing activities and services.

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TODAY’S PRESENTERS

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Challenges Voters Face in 2012

- Long lines and under-resourced polling places
- Confusion over changes to election rules and regulations
- Improper voter purges
- Voter suppression could disenfranchise up to 5 million eligible citizens nationwide
- Outright acts of intimidation and deception
  - True the Vote plans to recruit 1 million “election integrity” volunteers to monitor polling places in 2012
MAP OF SHAME:
VOTE SUPPRESSION LEGISLATION BY STATE

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For more information about registration and voting laws in your state, visit www.mapofshame.com
Deceptive Practices

• “Dirty tricks” – voters are deceived about the time, place, and manner of elections, or falsely led to believe that they may be subject to prosecution if they vote.

• The Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law has urged Congress to pass the Deceptive Practices and Voter Intimidation Prevention Act of 2011 to prohibit practices aimed at disenfranchising voters.
  - The Lawyers’ Committee will be releasing a report discussing current deceptive practices in states and their impact.

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Virginia State Board of Elections

Commonwealth of Virginia

For Immediate Release: 10/24/2009

Due to the larger than expected voter turnout in this year's electoral process, an emergency session of the General Assembly has adopted the following emergency regulations to ease the load on local electoral precincts and ensure a fair electoral process.

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Black Democratic Trust of Texas

Republicans are trying to trick us! When you vote straight ticket Democratic, it is actually voting for Republicans and your vote doesn’t count! We are urging everyone to vote for BILL WHITE. A vote for BILL WHITE is a vote for the entire Democratic ticket. We know how hard it is for Republicans use voting machines to depress our basic rights. We must stand up and not vote straight ticket Democrat.

YES WE CAN!
Poll Challengers: True the Vote

- Formerly King Street Patriots; state goal of the campaign is to prevent in-person voter fraud.

- In 2010, reports to Election Protection during early voting in Houston:
  - Present at predominately minority precincts
  - Hovered over voters
  - Blocked or disrupted lines of voters waiting to cast ballot

- True the Vote plans to recruit 1 million “election integrity” volunteers to monitor polling places and work as poll workers in 2012.
Lessons from June 5

  - LIVE NOW

- www.866OurVote.org
  - Resources and Materials

- Smartphone App

- Be the Agent of Empowerment
Three Phases of Election Protection

- Responding to threats
- Programs to protect the vote
- Long-term campaigns to enact true reform
Components of Election Protection

- Proactively and reactively respond to threats
- Legal support and training for nonpartisan civic engagement partners
- Educate and empower voters through resources including EP mobile app and www.866OURVOTE.org
- Support voters and take in reports of problems through the 1–866–OUR–VOTE and 1–888–Ve–Y–Vota hotlines
- Track issues and problems before and on Election Day and let voters report issues through revamped Our Vote Live
- On Election Day coordinate legal and non-legal field deployments to assist voters at targeted polling places
Smartphone Application

- Collaborative effort among the Lawyers’ Committee, NALEO, New Organizing Institute, Rock the Vote and Verified Voting

- Through the application voters will be able to:
  - Verify their registration status
  - Lookup their polling place
  - Verify the type of machine they’ll use
  - Access a FAQ and key dates for their state
  - Fill out a voter registration form
  - Contact Election Protection
Additional Resources

IDstories.866OurVote.org

Think getting “free” ID is easy? Think again.

GotID.LawyersCommittee.org

Guide to empower community groups to help voters get ID.

VoterIDToolkits.866OurVote.org

Find out how to get photo ID in states where it is required!

OrganizerTools.866OurVote.org

Resources to help you empower and educate voters.
How you can get involved

- Make voter education a component of all your member, constituent, and voter outreach efforts!

- Promote the 866 OUR-VOTE and 888-VE-Y-VOTA hotlines and [www.866ourvote](http://www.866ourvote) and [www.yaeshora.info](http://www.yaeshora.info) websites by including in your election-related collateral.

- Help people obtain voter ID in states where it is required

- Spread the word about the Smartphone App, and use in outreach activities such as voter registration drives.

- Become an official partner and gain access to downloadable templates, toolkits, and one pagers for your local Election Protection and voter education efforts.

- Counter efforts like True the Vote’s “election integrity” volunteers – help recruit poll workers from our community, and poll monitors to ensure every eligible voter can cast their ballot free from challenge and intimidation.

- Coordinate with local Election Protection Committees in your state before and on Election Day.
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RESOURCES

• Factsheets, Guides, Toolkits and more available at www.nonprofitvote.org
Support Voting November 6!

As 501(c)(3) nonprofits we can’t endorse candidates, but we can endorse voting! Join the nonprofit campaign to endorse voting November 6. Together we can ensure our communities make their voices heard in 2012 by registering and voting!

We’re a nonprofit and we support voting November 6! Send us our free “Vote November 6” poster, buttons and stickers.

Bulk Order Buttons and Stickers
Order buttons and stickers in quantities of 25, 50, 100 and 200 and show your support for voting!

Purchase additional items from our online store
Browse t-shirts, tote bags, water bottles, and more in a variety of designs in our online store.

Nonprofits that Support Voting:

ACCESS Advocates Human Services
Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits
Arizona Bridge to Independent Living (ABIL)
Brower Community Development for All People
Crisis Assistance Ministry
Delaware Valley Community Health
Elm Hill Family Service Center
Neighborhood House
Neighborhood Service Organization
Nevada Health Centers
Northeast Arc
Northeast Ohio Neighborhood Health

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