



2020 U.S. Elections Resource Guide



Introduction

Voting is a right reserved for U.S. citizens, but it is also an obligation to ensure our priorities and voices are heard by our elected leaders. The U.S. 2020 Elections will have a profound impact of local, State, Territorial, Tribal and National priorities and policies for the next several years.

The Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic has complicated our normal election process. Also, the promotion of conspiracy theories and misinformation has further complicated trust in the election process.

The Emergency Manager's Weekly Report has therefore compiled the following information and resources to help ensure that Americans can vote safely and with accurate information on the elections system.

U.S. Federal Elections Commission

- Links to State Elections Offices: <https://www.fec.gov/introduction-campaign-finance/how-to-research-public-records/combined-federalstate-disclosure-and-election-directory/>

General Guidance

United States Government, Vote.gov
<https://vote.gov/>

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Considerations for Election Polling Locations and Voters
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/election-polling-locations.html>

National Conference on State Legislatures

- COVID-19 and Elections: <https://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/state-action-on-covid-19-and-elections.aspx>
- States with Postage-Paid Election Mail: <https://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/vopp-table-12-states-with-postage-paid-election-mail.aspx>



Major U.S. Political Parties

Democratic National Committee
<https://democrats.org/>

Libertarian Party
<https://www.lp.org/>

Republican National Committee
<https://gop.com/>

Green Party
<https://www.gp.org/>

Voting Resources and Organizations

Voting from Overseas Programs

- Democratic Party Abroad, Vote from Abroad: <https://www.votefromabroad.org/>
- Republicans Overseas: <https://republicansoverseas.com/>

Fact Check.org

Is a nonpartisan, nonprofit “consumer advocate” for voters that aims to reduce the level of deception and confusion in U.S. politics.

- 2020 Election: <https://www.factcheck.org/tag/2020-election/>
- Coronavirus Pandemic: <https://www.factcheck.org/a-guide-to-our-coronavirus-coverage/>

PolitiFact.org

This is part of the Poynter Institute which is a non-profit organization.

- 2020 Elections: <https://www.politifact.com/2020/>
- Coronavirus Pandemic: <https://www.politifact.com/coronavirus/>

U.S. Elections Assistance Commission

The U.S. Election Assistance Commission was established by the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA). EAC is an independent, bipartisan commission charged with developing guidance to meet HAVA requirements, adopting voluntary voting system guidelines, and serving as a national clearinghouse of information on election administration.

- Voting by Mail/Absentee Voting: <https://www.eac.gov/election-officials/voting-by-mail-absentee-voting>
- COVID-19 Resources: <https://www.eac.gov/election-officials/coronavirus-covid-19-resources>



Federal Voting Assistance Program

The Federal Voting Assistance Program works to ensure military service members, their eligible family members, and overseas citizens are aware of their right to vote and have the tools and resources to successfully do so from anywhere in the world.

More information is available at: <https://www.fvap.gov/>

When We all Vote

This is a non-profit, nonpartisan organization whose mission is to increase participation in every election and close the race and age voting gap. They offer many opportunities and services, to include:

- Volunteer opportunities
- Helping people to register to vote
- Requesting a mail-in ballot
- Education on your voting rights
- Partnership opportunities with businesses and other non-profit organizations

Their website is at: <https://www.whenweallvote.org/>

Vote.org

This is the largest non-profit, non-partisan voting registration and get out the vote technology platform in America.

This organization has several resources available, which includes:

- Registering to vote
- Guidance on voting by mail
- Election reminders
- Directions to your polling place
- Elections dates and rules by U.S. State

Their website is at: <https://www.vote.org/>

Native Vote

This is a non-partisan initiative of the National Congress of American Indians. This initiative is dedicated to voter registration, protecting the voting rights of Native Americans, and educating Native voters on issues and candidates.

Complete details on this initiative can be found at: <http://www.nativevote.org/>



Anti-Defamation League (ADL), Voting Rights Resources

The ADL is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment to all. They have created numerous tools and guides for first-time and regular voters.

This resources are available at: <https://www.adl.org/voting-rights-resources>

American Civil Liberties Union, Let the People Vote

This initiative provides information on voting by mail in all 50 States and what are your voting rights.

Complete details are available at: <https://www.aclu.org/voter/>

Southern Poverty Law Center, Voting Rights Group

This group was launched in 2019 and works throughout the Southern United States in collaboration with community partners and organizers to engage and mobilize voters, restore voting rights to returning citizens, pursue electoral policy reforms, and bring litigation to challenge unconstitutional and discriminatory voting practices.

Complete details are available at: <https://www.splcenter.org/our-issues/voting-rights>

Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), Voting Resources

This is a nonprofit civil rights and advocacy organization advocating for the rights of Muslim-Americans.

Find out more about them at: <https://www.cair.com/resources/register-to-vote/>

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Our Vote, Our Voice Initiative

This initiative is dedicated to helping African Americans in locating their nearest polling place, check on their current voter registration, and reporting problems on election day.

Details are available at: <https://www.naacp.org/vote/>



Better World Campaign, Vote like the World Depends on It Campaign

This is a non-partisan campaign designed to inform voters about the key global issues at stake in the 2020 election and encourage them to educate the candidates running for local, State and national office about them, too.

Find out more at: <https://betterworldcampaign.org/vote/>

Vote Save America

This organization is a one-stop-shop for all the information and tools you need to participate in 2020.

Complete details are available at: <https://votesaveamerica.com/>

Power the Polls

This program is a first-of-its-kind initiative to recruit poll workers to ensure a safe, fair election for all voters. Power the Polls is striving to address the need for low-risk and diverse poll workers who can staff in-person voting locations during early voting and on Election Day.

Visit their website at: <https://www.powerthepolls.org/>

Head Count

This is a non-partisan organization that uses the power of music to register voters and promote participation in democracy. They reach young people and music fans where they already are – at concerts and online – to inform and empower.

Find out more at: <https://www.headcount.org/>

National Equality Action Team

The National Equality Action Team (NEAT) builds collaborative actions and partnerships so anyone, anywhere, can fight for LGBTQ+ Justice everywhere.

Find out more at: <https://www.decisionday.org/>



Trek the Vote

This organization's mission is to connect American Star Trek fans with non-partisan groups working to ensure a fair and equitable electoral process in communities, and to carry the principles and work ethic learned from Star Trek along for the ride.

Find out more at: <https://www.trekthe.vote/>

Center for Democracy and Technology (CDT), Election Security and Privacy Project

The CDT works to promote democratic values by shaping technology policy and architecture, with a focus on the rights of the individual.

The Election Security and Privacy Project seeks to identify and update election cybersecurity practices and work through potential remedies in a few critical areas: state voter registration systems, election auditing, and campaign data.

Find out more at: <https://cdt.org/area-of-focus/cybersecurity-standards/election-security/>

Alliance for Securing Democracy

This organization is a bipartisan initiative housed at the German Marshall Fund of the United States. It develops comprehensive strategies to deter, defend against, and raise the costs on authoritarian efforts to undermine and interfere in democratic institutions.

Complete details are available at: <https://securingdemocracy.gmfus.org/>

Stanford-MIT Healthy Elections Project

This project was developed to ensure that the 2020 election can proceed with integrity, safety, and equal access.

You can visit their website at: <https://healthyelections.org/>