





WHAT IS CIVIC ENGAGEMENT?

Working to make a difference in the civic life of our communities and developing the combination of knowledge, skills, values, and motivation to make a difference. It means promoting the quality of life in a community, both through political and non-political processes.

(Ehrlich, 2000, p. vi; Erlich, T. [Ed.]. [2000]. Civic responsibility and higher education. Oryx Press.)

In addition, civic engagement encompasses actions wherein individuals participate in activities of personal and public concern that are both individually life enriching and socially beneficial to the community.

TYPES OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

- Civic engagement encompasses a wide range of activities beyond voting, including community involvement, advocacy, and public problem-solving, which strengthen communities and foster a culture of civic responsibility.
 - Activism, advocacy
 - Civic learning
 - Community engaged research
 - Community engaged internship
 - Community service, volunteerism
 - Philanthropy fundraising
 - Political engagement
 - Service learning
 - Social entrepreneurship, social innovation

SOCIAL CAPITAL

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- Social networks and norms of reciprocity
 - Social networks have value for individuals and for communities
 - Transmit information
 - Help overcome dilemmas of collective action
 - Encourage reciprocity and trust
 - Influence identities and thus encourage altruism
 - Social capital can be used for "bad" purposes, but usually is used for good purposes

WHY CIVIC ENGAGEMENT MATTERS

- Engagement is habitual
- Young people are a major subset of communities
- Involving young people in civic learning, activities and discussion can have an impact on the young person's household
- Civic learning and engagement builds critical life and employment skills and can foster engagement in other areas of life
- Civic strength in a community can support economic resilience

YOUNG PEOPLE JUST CHOOSE NOT TO ENGAGE

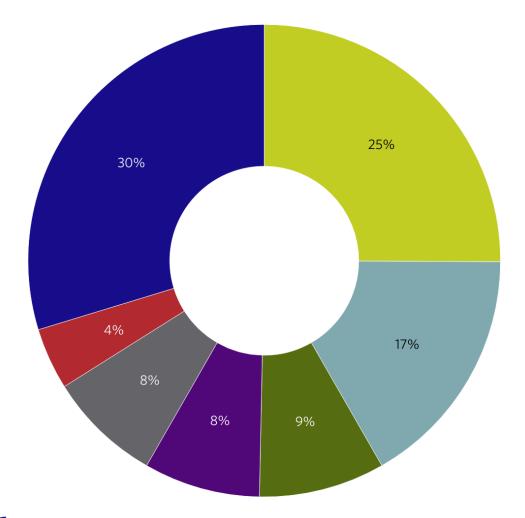
That is not necessarily true.

- They are not apathetic however,
 - They experience uneven and unequal civic education that does not teach them to engage or why their vote matters.
 - Politicians tend to ignore them or take them for granted
 - Media often strengthens these perceptions
 - They face logistical barriers

Youth Who Didn't Register in 2022 Cited Deadlines and Lack of Time as Barriers

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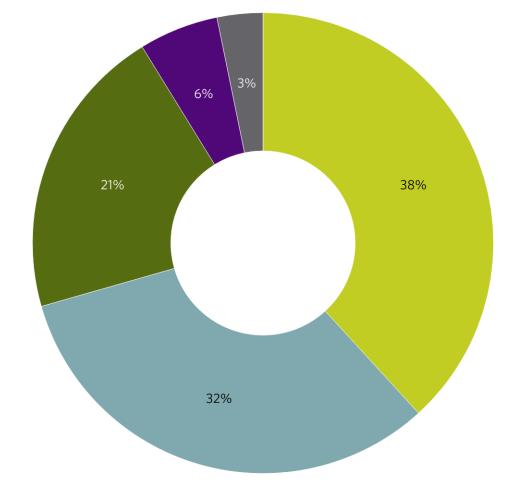


CIR LE Tufts University Tisch College · CIRCLE Source: CIRCLE 2022 Post-Election Youth Survey

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Forgot/was too busy Didn't think it mattered/not important
Didn't have enough information Problem with in-person voting
Problem with absentee voting



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IN HIGHER EDUCATION

- Civic education teaches students about their rights and responsibilities
- Helps students understand the political, social, and economic forces shaping their communities
- Empowers students to contribute solutions to public problems
- Builds critical thinking, empathy, and active participation in democratic processes
- Civic engagement boosts critical thinking, informed decision-making, development of civic identity, increases empathy and long-term active community involvement.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

In what ways can our classes increase students' understanding of their role in society?

How can we create assignments that encourage students to apply civic knowledge to real-world problems?

PRACTICAL WAYS TO PROMOTE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

- Link course material to real-world events
- Encourage service-learning projects that allow students to connect academic content with real-world civic issues
- Support student-led advocacy campaigns on issues they are passionate about
- Facilitate participation in local governance
 - Attending city council meetings, contributing to public policy discussions
- Integrating public problem-solving challenges in coursework
 - Designing solutions to community issues
- Incorporate simulations or role playing
- Include professional development and civic engagement discussions into your curriculum

HOW CAN WE ASSIST STUDENTS

- Stay informed
- Encourage open conversations on community issues but use structured discussions
- Anticipate common questions from students and direct them to trustworthy resources
 - Official state election websites
 - Islanders Vote
- Many classes include assessments with practical applications. Often these include issues related to our community. Share explicitly with students that these are also examples of civic engagement.

A FEW COMMON QUESTIONS FROM STUDENTS

Does Registering to Vote Affect My Federal Financial Aid?

- Where you register to vote will not affect federal financial aid such as Pell Grants, Perkins
 or Stafford loans, or your dependency status for FAFSA.
- Does Registering to Vote Affect My Status as a Dependent on My Parents' Taxes?
 - Being registered to vote at a different address from your parents does not prevent them from claiming you as a dependent on their taxes.
- Does Registering to Vote Impact My Tuition Status?
 - Being deemed out-of-state for tuition purposes does not prevent you from choosing to register to vote in your campus community.
- Will Registering to Vote in Texas Affect My Driver's License or Car Registration?
 - As a full-time student in Texas, you may be required to obtain a Texas driver's license and update your car's registration, regardless of whether you register to vote there. For more information, you may wish to contact the Department of Public Safety.

EXAMPLE RESOURCES

https://fairelectionscenter.org/wpcontent/uploads/2024/07/Texas-KYR-Guide-2023.pdf

KNOW YOUR VOTING RIGHTS

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YOUR RIGHTS UNDER FEDERAL LAW:

- All voters have the right not to be discriminated against on the basis of race, national origin, or disability.
- All voters have the right to vote free of intimidation
- All voters who need assistance by reason of disability or inability to read and write in the language of the ballot may choose someone to assist them to vote, as long as the person is not an agent/representative of the voter's employer or union.

YOUR RIGHTS WHEN YOU CHECK-IN TO VOTE

- No one may initiate a challenge against you at the polls
- You have the right to cast a regular ballot if there has not been a hearing and a final ruling on a challenge to your registration

YOUR RIGHTS IF YOU WERE CHALLENGED BEFORE YOU GO TO THE POLLS

- Other than the registrar, ONLY a registered voter in your county can file a challenge against
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- The challenger MUST sign a <u>sworn statement</u> based on their <u>personal knowledge</u>
- The statement MUST identify the challenged voter and the specific voter registration requirement that the voter allegedly does not
- ✓ CHALLENGERS CANNOT SINGLE OUT GROUPS
 OF PEOPLE FOR CHALLENGES, SUCH AS ONLY
 CHALLENGING RESIDENCE OF STUDENTS.



CHALLENGES CANNOT BE BASED ON CHARACTERISTICS SUCH AS RACE, ETHNICITY OR NATIONAL ORIGIN, OR ANY OTHER CHARACTERISTICS NOT RELEVANT TO VOTER OUALIFICATIONS

IF CHALLENGED BY A REGISTRAR, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- A timely challenge within 9 days of when your registration form is submitted
- Written notice if the challenge is not made in person, identifying the date and grounds
- Request a hearing using a signed, written request delivered to the registrar no later than 10 days after the challenge date, or immediately (orally) if you are challenged in person
- Receive a timely-requested hearing within 10 days of the request (or later if you wish) and appear personally and present evidence, or if you do not wish to attend, submit and affidavit to the registrar before the hearing starts
- -- The registrar must give you notice of the date, time and place of the hearing no later than 2 days after you file your written request.
- -- If you were challenged in person and orally requested a hearing, the registrar can hold the hearing right away.

IF CHALLENGED BY A REGISTERED VOTER, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

 Vote even if you don't respond to the challenge, if the challenge was made in the last 4 years and alleges you do not live at the residential address listed on your registration. You should still follow the instructions for responding to the address confirmation.

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IF CHALLENGED BY A REGISTERED VOTER, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO -- continued:

- A hearing no later than 20 days after the challenge is filed, if the challenge is based on grounds other than your residence. You may attend the hearing and present evidence in support of your qualifications; if you do not wish to attend, you may submit an affidavit before the hearing.
- -- The registrar must send you a notice of the date, time and place of the hearing, and a copy of the sworn statement challenging your registration no later than 15 days before the hearing.

AFTER A CHALLENGE YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- A prompt decision in writing
- · An appeal to your jurisdiction's district court

✓ Q&A: YOUR RIGHTS INSIDE THE POLLING PLACE

1. What can poll workers ask me?

They will ask you to present one of 7 forms of acceptable photo ID. The address on your ID does not need to match the one on file for you. If you do not have one of these types of ID, and meet one of 7 acceptable reasons provided under Texas law for not having one, you can sign a "reasonable impediment" sworn statement. A poll worker may not question the reasonableness of your reason for not having an acceptable ID, if it is one of these seven.

They will ask if the residential address on your voter registration is up to date.

2. Who can I speak to if I'm having any issues or

2. Who can I speak to if I'm having any issues or problems with a poll worker?

Talk to the presiding judge. If that does not solve the issue. call Election Protection.

3. Who gets to decide who is inside the polling place?

Presiding judges determine who is allowed inside.

Fair Elections Center and Campus Vote Project intend the information contained herein to be used only as a general guide. This document should not be used as a substitute for consultation with a licensed Texas lead professional.

Contact Campus Vote Project at info@campusvoteproject.org

4. I notice some poll watchers are taking photos inside the polling place. Is that allowed?

No, poll watchers may not take photo or videos of voters. This is an example of voter intimidation.

5. Who can I talk to if someone is tryng to get in the way of me completing my ballot?

You should speak with a poll worker.

6. What are my rights if I need help voting?

Voters are entitled to assistance. If you have a disability that requires assistance to vote, or cannot read or write in English, you may receive assistance from a person of your choice, except your employer or an officer or agent of your union. You may also receive assistance from two poll workers on Election Day, or one poll worker when voting early in person.

ELECTION PROTECTION

If you have questions or are experiencing problems voting, call the Election Protection Hotline and speak with a volunteer to get help.

CALL IN ENGLISH: 866-OUR-VOTE

CALL IN SPANISH: 888-VE-Y-VOTA

CALL IN ASIAN LANGUAGES: 888-API-VOTE

CALL IN ARABIC: 844-YALLA-US

https://www.nuecesco.com/county-services/county-clerk/elections-department/find-your-ballot

APPLICATION FOR BALLOT BY MAIL Other Information: (Please print) Name: Last, First M.I. Residence Address: (as shown on your Voter Registration Certificate) Address: City, State, ZiP: ID Number: (Required, New Law) (We strongly recommend putting both, if applicable) Texas Driver's License, Texas Personal Identification Number of Election Identification Certificate Number issued by the Department of Public Safety 4 digits of your Social Security Number		received by the Early Voling Clerk and meet all legally required deadlines. Submit by mail or in person. All Annual Applications expire December 31st; a new application may be submitted on a rather January 1st. If you fax or email this form, you must also mail the form and it must be received within 4 business days. See more information and instructions on back. Email: VoteBy Mail@nuecesco.com Ballot Requested for: Annual application only available if you are applying due to age or disability. All other voters may only request ONE election and its resulting runoft. Annual Application- All Elections This Year (Jan-Dec) (Voters must also make a party selection in Even-Numbered years to receive Primary Ballots.) Primary Election (Even-Numbered Years) Select only ONE party's primary Democratic Primary No Primary Ballot					
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Address of the jail/ Civil Commitment Facility Relative; relationship:		Signature of Witness/Assistant:					

Sample Ballot				
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Please use a black or blue ink pen to mark your choices on the ballot. To vote for your choice in each contest, completely fill in the box provided to the left of your choice. To vote for a write-in candidate, completely fill in the box provided to the left of the words "Write-in" and write in the name of the	Comptroller of Public Accounts Contrador de Guentas Pública Vote for None or One Vota Par Ninguno o Uno Glenn Hegar REP Janet T. Dudding DEM V. Alonzo Echevarria-Garza LIB	Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 6 Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 6 Vote for None or One Vota Par Ninguna o Uno Jesse F. McClure, III REP Robert Johnson DEM		
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ISLANDERS VOTE

SINCE 2020

- 4 students attending a Texas Voting Summit
- 9 students received a Democracy Fellowship (\$1,600 / academic year)
 - Nursing, Sociology, Political Science
- 2 students received stipend for activities and involvement
 - 1 graphic design student who created the logo and promotion material
- \$14,400 in student Democracy Fellowships (Campus Vote Project)
- \$11,950 in grant funding (from ALL IN, Ask Every Student, and Campus Vote Project)
- Over 1,500 civic engagement information bags
- 1 student placed on national honor roll
- 1 national outstanding faculty award
- Bronze seal for 2020, silver seal for 2022
- Highly established action plan





TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY- CORPUS CHRISTI

"WE ARE STUDENTS AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY – CORPUS CHRISTI AND WE ENCOURAGE ALL TAMU-CC STUDENTS TO REGISTER TO VOTE AND VOTE SAFELY" - ANTHONY, EMILY, AND JOSHUA



STAY TUNED TO RECEIVE OUR

SAFE VOTING KITS

with information about the election and your ballot, ID requirements, but also hand sanitizer, and a mask.

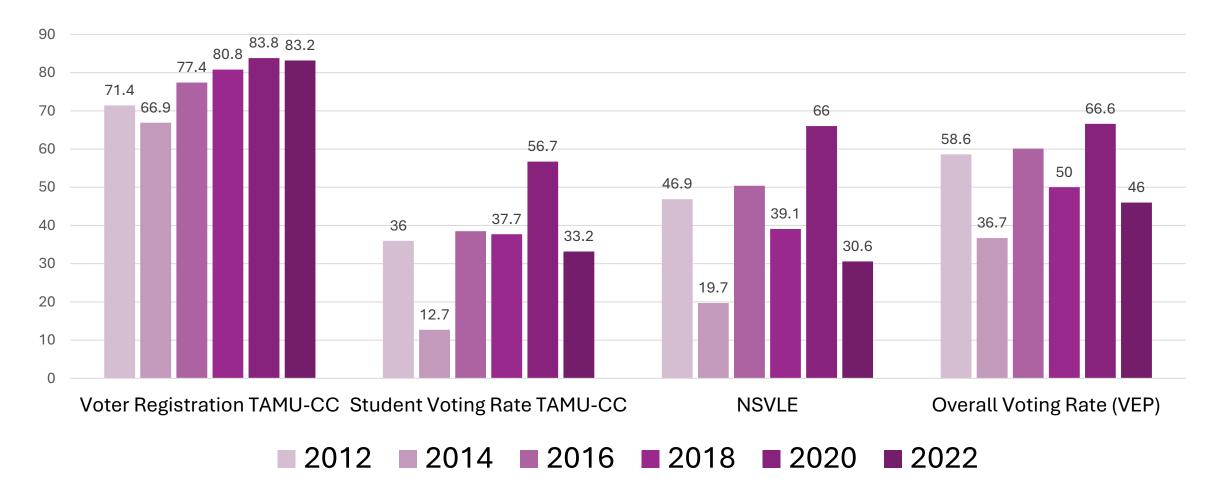






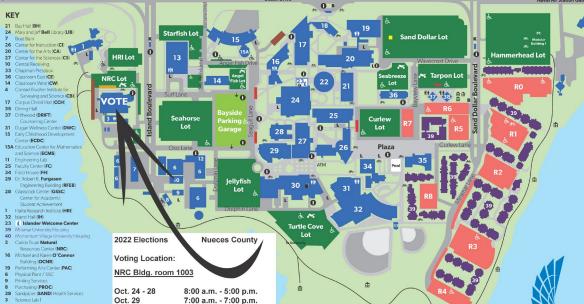
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Voter Registration and Turnout among Students and National Rates (Voting Eligible Population) in Percentages from 2012 to 2022









PARKING

& Handicapped

Reserved/Vendor 30-Minute CAMPUS SPEED LIMIT IS 20 MPH UNLESS

Resident Student & Bicycle Rack OTHERWISE POSTED

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Oct. 30

Oct. 31- Nov. 4

L Loading Dock — Jogging Trail

ATM Wells Fargo ATM B Bus Stop: University

K Entry Kiosk O Information Map

November 8

22 Student Services Center (Round Building) (SSC)

13 Tidal Hall (TH)

30 University Center (UC)
Campus Store
12 University Police Department (UPD)

closed

7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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PRACTICAL ELECTION INFORMATION TEXAS 2024

- Texas Voter Registration Deadline: 30 days before Election Day.
- Primary Election: March 5, 2024
 - Registration Deadline: February 5
 - Mail Ballot Application Deadline: February 23 (received, not postmarked)
- General Election: November 5, 2024
 - Registration Deadline: October 7
 - Mail Ballot Application Deadline: October 25 (received, not postmarked)
 - Early Voting starts October 21 and ends November 1
 - Location on Campus Natural Resources Building (NRC)
- More election information at:
 - votetexas.gov
- Registration form (to be printed and returned to election officials) available at:
 - https://vrapp.sos.state.tx.us/index.asp
 https://teamrv-mvp.sos.texas.gov/MVP/mvp.do

FACULTY EXCELLENCE

- Faculty can play a crucial role in enhancing civic engagement and education, helping students become informed, active participants in society.
 - Share information with colleagues to establish a broader coalition on campus
 - Specifically mention civic engagement in assessment descriptions where applicable
 - Encourage students to become involved
 - Promote campus events organized by the university, colleges, departments, programs, and student organizations on Canvas
- Join the upcoming workshop on civil discourse
 - Thursday October 17, 9:30 10:45

Student Organizations at TAMU-CC

Note that this is not a complete overview. Student organizations can hold events on their own. When the university collaborates with student organizations, please check the bylaws of the organization to determine whether the student organization is non-partisan. This to ensure that the institution adheres to all relevant policies.

- Political Science Club at TAMU-CC
- National Society of Leadership and Success NSLS
- Islander Leadership Seminar
- Student Government Association
- Student Volunteer Connection TAMU-CC
- Tex-Rising at TAMU-CC

- Women's Helping Hands
- College Republicans at TAMU-CC
- NextGen America TAMU-CC Chapter
- Islander Feminists
- Islander Green Team
- Islanders for Social Justice
- Sororities & fraternities

Remaining slides provide information about organizations with non-partisan resources. Note that this is also not an exhaustive list.

CAMPUS VOTE PROJECT

- CVP works with colleges and universities across the country and focuses its time and resources on supporting community colleges and minority serving institutions where these resources can have a greater impact.
- Over 360 colleges and universities across 41 states with a combined enrollment of over
 4.6 million students
- CVP launched the Democracy Fellowship program in 2014. Since then, CVP has graduated 186 student leaders. Democracy Fellows play a critical role in motivating their peers, faculty, and administrators to take part in nonpartisan democratic engagement activities on their campuses.

Fall 2024 Democracy Fellows at TAMU-CC

- Lexi Martinez <u>amartinez381@islander.tamucc.edu</u>
- Amy Chamberlain <u>achamberlain2@islander.tamucc.edu</u>
- Makenzi Camanillo <u>Makenzi.Camanillo@tamucc.edu</u>

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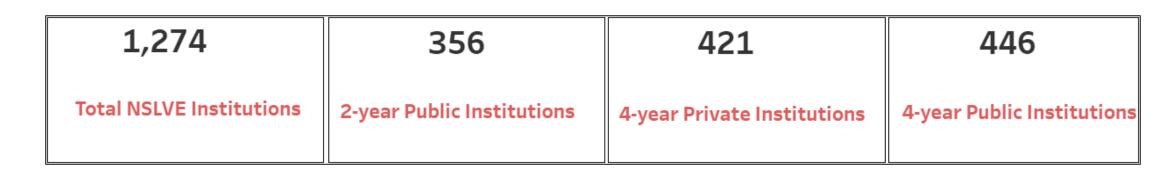
NSPA

National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, which has been updated to NASPA, Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education

- NASPA's LEAD Initiative on Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement (LEAD Initiative) comprises a network of NASPA member colleges and universities committed to encouraging and highlighting the work of student affairs in making civic learning and democratic engagement a part of every student's college education.
- The LEAD Initiative offers unique professional development opportunities, targeted resources, networking, and recognition for its LEAD Institutions.
- Network of over 15,000 members at over 2,100 campuses in all fifty states and countries across the globe, all with a commitment to personal and professional development for both you and the students you serve.

NATIONAL STUDY OF LEARNING, VOTING, AND ENGAGEMENT

- A robust study of college and university student voting and service to more 1,200 U.S. colleges and universities nationally. Database representing over 10 million students (more than half of the degree-seeking students in the U.S.) for each of the past four federal elections.
- Educators and students use their NSLVE data to teach about democracy in the classroom and beyond, to increase political learning across disciplines, to benchmark student voter participation, to inform accreditation reports, and to challenge unfair state or local voting laws, among many other examples



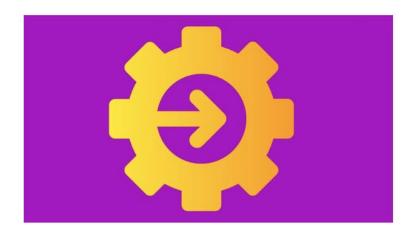
ALL IN CAMPUS DEMOCRACY CHALLENGE

- ALLINCampus Democracy Challenge (ALL IN) empowers colleges and universities to achieve excellence in nonpartisan student democratic engagement.
- Through an intentionally-designed program that provides structure, support and recognition, ALL IN works to improve civic learning, political engagement and voter participation on more than 985 campuses nationwide.
- ALL IN believes higher education should play a role in developing an active and informed citizenry by educating students, motivating them to engage in American democracy and instilling the value of lifelong participation.
- ALL IN is an initiative of Civic Nation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.



ASK EVERY STUDENT

• Ask Every Student is a national joint initiative that facilitates collaboration between campus leaders and nonprofit partners to help campuses ask every student to participate in the democratic process and achieve full student voter registration.



Integrating voter registration into existing processes with campus partners to equitably



Executing inclusive, individualized voter registration and nonpartisan democratic



Institutionalizing these tactics to be a sustainable part of your campus culture.

STUDENTS LEARN, STUDENTS VOTE

- The SLSV Coalition is made up of campus, nonprofit, community, student, and philanthropic leaders, all working together to grow the student vote. We lead collaborations between these organizations, coordinate national programs and campaigns, and distribute resources to organizers on the ground, all to advance our shared goal of helping students take part in our democracy.
- Includes more than 300 local, state, and national organizations
- Reaches more than 800 campuses throughout the US













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Campus Democracy Challenge





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