

10 WAYS VOTING RIGHTS ARE UNDER ATTACK + WHAT TO DO

WHAT THEY'RE DOING

1. **Voter ID Laws** - requiring passport or birth certificate & ID that match your current name & address would disenfranchise the 11% (21 million) of eligible voters who don't have ID, as well as 69 million married women who took their husband's name, the trans community, as well as the elderly, disabled, minority, student & low income voters.

2. **In-Person Documentation to Register or Vote** - ending mail-in & absentee voters, stealing the voices of the elderly, disabled, citizens working or studying overseas & deployed military soldiers & personnel.


3. **Gerrymandering** - redrawing voting districts dilutes the voting power of certain groups especially POC, and even eliminating seats altogether by removing districts. Challenges to gerrymandering are being attacked by claims that any consideration of race is in violation of the 14th Amendment's Equal Protections Clause.

4. **Gutting of 1965 Voting Rights Act, Section 2** - 8th Circuit Court of Appeals gave a radical argument that private plaintiffs do not have the right to sue, e.g. voters can't sue for voting rights infringement, only the Attorney General can. In the last 40 years, of the 182 successful Section 2 cases, only 15 were brought solely by an AG.

5. **DOJ Shirking Duty** - charged with enforcing Section 2, of only 15 cases brought so far this year, it has dismissed or withdrawn 7 so far, on the orders of AG Pam Bondi's instruction to focus on voter fraud cases, despite voter fraud being debunked by dozens of studies including one commissioned by the Trump administration.

6. **Cutting Polling Places & Hours** - making it harder for all Americans to vote, with longer lines & longer commutes - rural citizens will have to drive up to 8 hours round trip to vote.

7. **Challenges to State Voting Rights Acts** - as the Federal Voting Rights are gutted, NY & other states instituted their own acts-.the NYS act was challenged for 2 years by conservatives, but upheld upon appeal this January.



8. **Voter Roll Purges** - several states are enacting voter purges demanding voter rolls match often outdated DMV records, with as little as 48 hours for voters to do anything and will leave voters without driver's licenses no option.

9. **Banning Voter Assistance** - the elderly, people with disabilities, and others won't be able to have assistance in the voting booth to read, fill out, or turn in their ballot.



10. **Attempted End of ActBlue** - the current administration is attempting to defund opposing parties and candidates by ordering the DOJ to spend tax payer money to investigate the largest fundraising platform of the administration's opposition without grounds ahead of the next election cycle.

WHAT TO OPPOSE

- **Trump's Executive Order** - currently being challenged in court as League of Women Voters v. Trump
- **"SAVE" Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act** - requires proof of citizenship to vote - passed the House as HR 22, will next go to the Senate

WHAT TO SUPPORT

- **The John Lewis Voting Rights Act** - protects against redistricting, polling place reduction, voter roll purges & reinstates requirement for states with voting rights violations to seek federal approval before enacting changes to voting laws
- **Freedom to Vote Act** - ends gerrymandering, improves campaign finance
- **Deceptive Practices & Voter Intimidation Prevention Act** - criminalizes intentionally misleading information about elections
- **Automatic Voter Registration** via DMV & other government agencies

HOW YOU CAN FIGHT BACK

1. Register to vote
2. Email your Senator to oppose the SAVE act and support the John Lewis Voting Rights Act
1. Vote in your local elections
2. Join our mailing list for updates + actions you
3. can take: cooperstownoneontaindivisible.org

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