

Voter Participation

	Already exists in my state	Support in my state	Support local pilot	Support study	Oppose in my state	See my Comments
Assistance for language minority voters outside of Voting Rights Act mandates					X	X
Automatic restoration of voting rights for ex-felons		X				X
Automatic voter registration ¹					X	
Continuation of National Voter Registration Act	N/A		N/A			X
Early voting in person					X	X
Election Day registration					X	X
Facilitate student voter registration at colleges ²		X			X	X
Full access to polling places for people with disabilities	X					
Full implementation of Help America Vote Act under current deadline	N/A		N/A		X	X
High school early registration programs ³					X	X
Longer polling hours					X	
More polling places / voting stations at current locations				X		
No excuse absentee voting		X				
Voter guides sent in mail					X	

¹ This could include a variety of methods for generating clean and complete statewide voter rolls, including using data from the Department of Motor Vehicles, tax records and student lists.

² This could include a variety of measures such as requiring colleges to distribute registration forms to all students, submitting a list of students' current addresses to election administrators for the purpose of address verification or accepting college identification cards as a valid form of identification.

³ Most states currently allow 17-year-olds to register to vote as long as they will be 18 by the next election. This question relates to supporting high school programs to perform these registrations and/or lowering the registration age to allow these programs to reach more students -- with the most ambitious goal being registration of all students before they leave high school.

Voter participation comments:

Assistance for language minority voters outside of Voting Rights Act mandates: I don't believe in government providing special assistance for people whose first language is not English. It is their responsibility to learn the local language well enough to be able to exercise their rights. If they are not proficient in English there is plenty of time before the election to discuss the issues with friends, relatives and private organizations that support their ethnic group.

Automatic restoration of voting rights for ex-felons: I support restoring the voting rights of felons ONLY if they have made full restitution to the victim regardless of incarceration.

Automatic voter registration: There is **no way** to generate a clean or complete voter list from any government controlled database. While voting is a right, rights also involve responsibilities. It is not unreasonable to ask a voter to register to vote in person, and in fact I think it is crucial to maintaining the integrity of the voter list.

Continuation of National Voter Registration Act: I believe the "Motor Voter Act" was a mistake. It is not the responsibility of Motor Vehicle employees to register voters. Registrars of Voters are responsible by **law** for the integrity of the voter list, yet at the same time they must accept registrations that they cannot verify. Many towns and many different kinds organizations offer voter registration drives. There is no reason for any eligible citizen to be unable to register with the many opportunities that are available.

Early voting in person: Between Election Day and the availability of absentee ballots I cannot see any reason to allow early voting in person. There's an election day for a reason, after all.

Election Day Registration: See my earlier comments about the integrity of the voter list. I can scarcely imagine a database more important to the survival of a republic than the voter list. It must be immune to corruption and fraud and Election Day registration would open it up to fraud.

Facilitate student voter registration at colleges: As I stated earlier, voting is a right that carries with it responsibility. Requiring colleges to distribute voter registration forms is simply transferring responsibility onto another person while the original person retains the right. The current opportunities for college students to register to vote are sufficient.

Full implementation of Help America Vote Act under current deadline: HAVA has single handedly contributed to the possibility of vote fraud and the manipulation of election results than any other legislation. The selection of the Diebold company by many states has guaranteed that their election results are nearly meaningless. Those machines are unstable and insecure both in their software and their physical protections. The federal government should keep its nose out of the voting process or soon nobody will have any confidence in any vote taken, anywhere.

High school early registration programs: There is nothing wrong with the current process.

Election Integrity and Fairness

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Inter-state coordination to avoid double registration		x				
Laws prohibiting deceptive election practices designed to confuse would-be voters				x		x
Mandatory poll worker training standards		x				
Non-partisan, un-elected chief election official(s)				x		
Photo ID required at polls		x				
Prohibit election officials from campaign work				x	x	x
Quick and full disclosure of campaign contributions					x	
Standardized statewide recount procedure		x				
State review of local decisions and performance after elections						x
Statewide voting equipment		x				
Transparency in voting roll purges		x				x
Uniform ballot design		x				
Uniform standards for counting provisional ballots ⁴				x		
Voter-verified paper ballot		x				
Voter identification cards		x				x

⁴ Including counting votes in state and national races on ballots cast in incorrect precincts.

Election Integrity and fairness comments:

Laws prohibiting deceptive election practices designed to confuse would-be voters: I don't know that that means or implies. What have been the deceptive election practices in the past?

Prohibit election officials from campaign work: Do election officials lose their First Amendment rights just because they are election officials?

State review of local decisions and performance after elections: I don't know what this means or implies.

Transparency in voting roll purges: Every function and process of government should be completely transparent.

Voter identification cards: only in the absence of another photo ID, but should not be required of voters with a valid photo ID.

Electoral Reform

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Changing how your state allocates presidential electors		x				
Conduct city elections on the same day throughout state					x	
Election Day holiday					x	
Instant runoff voting		x				
Internet Voting				x		
Mail-in balloting		x				
Non-partisan elections		X				X
Non-partisan redistricting		x				
Programs to have more students be poll workers					x	x
Programs to allow legal permanent residents to serve as poll workers / interpreters					x	
Proportional voting systems for legislative elections					x	x
Public financing of elections					X	
Requiring citizens to be available as poll workers					x	
Term limits for state reps.		x				

“Top two” primary system ⁵					X	X
Voting centers ⁶	X	X	X	X	X	X

⁵ Under the “top two” primary system the two primary candidates receiving the greatest number of votes advance to the general election, regardless of party affiliation. This system was recently adopted for primaries in Washington State.

⁶ These “voting malls” were recently suggested by the Election Center’s National Task Force Report and are being adopted by certain counties in Colorado and elsewhere.

Electoral reform comments:

Changing how your state allocates presidential electors: I endorse changing Connecticut law to abolish the winner-takes-all electoral college system. I believe that the electoral college should be apportioned among the candidates proportionally to their vote count.

Non-partisan elections: Nothing would give ballot access to 3rd party candidates faster than non-partisan elections. I fully support the abolition of party labels within the voting booth if all candidates have automatic access to the ballot. This could be the most important election reform ever implemented in the history of our republic. It would require people to learn about the candidates and their positions rather than pulling a lever based on their impression of a political party.

Programs to have more students be poll workers: Are students currently prohibited from being poll workers? I think any registered voter should be eligible to be a poll worker. Other than that I cannot see the need for any special, government run “programs.”

Public financing of elections: Public financing of political campaigns is immoral and illegal under the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Using my tax money to fund the political speech of a candidate I oppose is an unacceptable abuse of government power. Not only is public campaign financing immoral, but we cannot rely on government to get it right if it did become law. Every campaign finance reform law ever written discriminates against 3rd parties. They always dictate one set of rules for Democrats and Republicans and another set of rules for the much smaller 3rd parties. This, laws that are supposedly passed to **increase** fairness are used as tool of oppression. This is the **nature** of government. It cannot be changed.

“Top two” primary system: implementing this policy is the same thing as dissolving the system of political parties. Maybe that would be the best election reform of all...

Voting centers: I can scarcely imagine a less important issue. If there were any such thing as intense apathy, that is what I would have with regard to “voting centers.”

The best election reform that I can imagine would be to completely open ballot access to 3rd party candidates with no restrictions or requirements of any kind. If we want change in our government then we must be able to vote for candidates who agree to implement

that change. You will **never** get the changes you want from Democrats and Republicans because they will do everything in their power to preserve things the way they are. They want only to remain in power and they don't care what costs or how it affects the taxpayers.

National Electoral Reforms

We realize that the following areas are national in nature. However, most of these federal issues would affect election administration in your state; therefore, we would like to give you the opportunity to comment on them.

	Support	Support study	Oppose	See my Comments
Congressional voting rights for people of the District of Columbia			x	
Direct election of President			x	
Establishing a right to vote in the U.S. Constitution	x			x
Lower voting age to 16 or 17			x	
Reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act of 1965	x			
Uniform poll-closing times in presidential elections			x	

National election reform comments:

Establishing a right to vote in the U.S. Constitution: The 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution already establishes a right to vote. This question seems redundant.