



# The Right to Vote Around the World

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Among the 120 nations with democratically elected governments, only 11 do not grant their citizens a constitutional right to vote. These countries are:

- Australia
- The Bahamas
- Bangladesh
- Barbados
- Belize
- India
- Indonesia
- Nauru
- Samoa
- The United Kingdom
- The United States

While United States citizens do not have a constitutional right to vote, the new constitutions of Afghanistan and Iraq do grant this right. It is also important to note that, with the exception of Indonesia, all of the countries that do not grant a constitutional right to vote are former members of the British Empire. Thus, the creation of a fundamental, constitutional right to vote represents yet another area in which the American electoral process can move beyond the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

