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Yes! You Can Vote

The strength of our democracy lies in the right of every American to vote.

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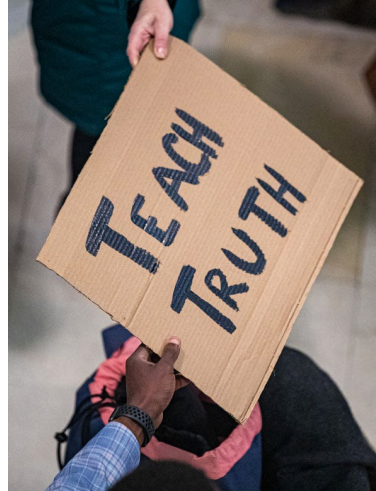
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The Power of Community

- Change starts with you – every one of us can help make a difference in our community, in our state, and in our nation.
- **The power of community can effectively generate social change and hold our government officials accountable.**
- People powered movements help you become a part of something bigger than yourself.

Our Political Climate

- What attacks have we seen from legislators recently?
- How have people reacted to them?



Why Should You Vote?

- Elected officials up and down the ballot have a direct impact on key civil liberties and civil rights issues
- This is your opportunity to choose the leaders who represent you, vote for your values and fight for your rights on the issues that matter to you



Voting is the most fundamental right in a democracy

“The right to vote freely for the candidate of one’s choice is of the essence of a democratic society, and any restrictions on that right strike at the heart of representative government.”

- Reynolds v. Sims, 377 U.S. 533, 556 (1964)
US.. Supreme Court Ruling

YES!
YOU CAN
VOTE

- ☒ Previously Incarcerated
- ☒ Parole or Probation
- ☒ Home Detention
- ☒ In Jail awaiting Trial
- ☒ In a variety of Community Correction Programs

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TRANSGENDER HOOSIERS

YES! YOU CAN VOTE



Transgender people can vote in Indiana, **even if their gender does not match** what is listed on their government issued ID. Transgender people must be registered **with the name that is listed** on their government issued ID. Learn more about photo ID requirements at aclu-in.org/you-can-vote

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COLLEGE STUDENTS

YES! YOU CAN VOTE



College students have a right to register and vote **in the place they truly consider to be “home”** — whether their dorm room, apartment, or parents’ house. High school students who will turn 18 by November 8 may register to vote before the registration deadline even if they have not yet turned 18.

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RECENTLY NATURALIZED CITIZENS

YES! YOU CAN VOTE

If you are a recently naturalized American,
you have **the same voting rights** as
someone who was born in the U.S.



INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

YES! YOU CAN VOTE

Each polling place in the state of Indiana **must have at least one accessible voting machine** and each location **must be physically accessible**. Voters that require assistance may designate a relative or friend to assist them at the polling place, or receive assistance from a certified poll worker.

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Create A Voting Plan

- Outline how you'll participate in the upcoming election. Make sure to include:
 - How you're voting - By absentee ballot, early at a satellite location, or in-person
 - If you're voting in person, outline the location you'll vote at
 - Make note of any important deadlines associated with the way you plan to cast your vote

MY VOTING PLAN CHECKLIST

- ☐ I confirmed my registration is up to date
- ☐ I have identification if I need it
- ☐ I researched my local races and ballot initiatives
- ☐ I encouraged my friends to make a voting plan
- ☐ I saved the Election Protection Hotline number (1-866-OUR-VOTE)
- ☐ I requested my mail-in ballot OR I found my polling place
- ☐ I mailed in my ballot OR made a plan to vote early OR on Election Day

**LET
PEOPLE
VOTE**

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Early Voting Locations

- Contact your County Clerk's office to find locations and hours for early voting



[IndianaVoters.com](https://www.IndianaVoters.com)

Know Your Rights at the Polls

Voter Intimidation: What it looks like and what you can report:

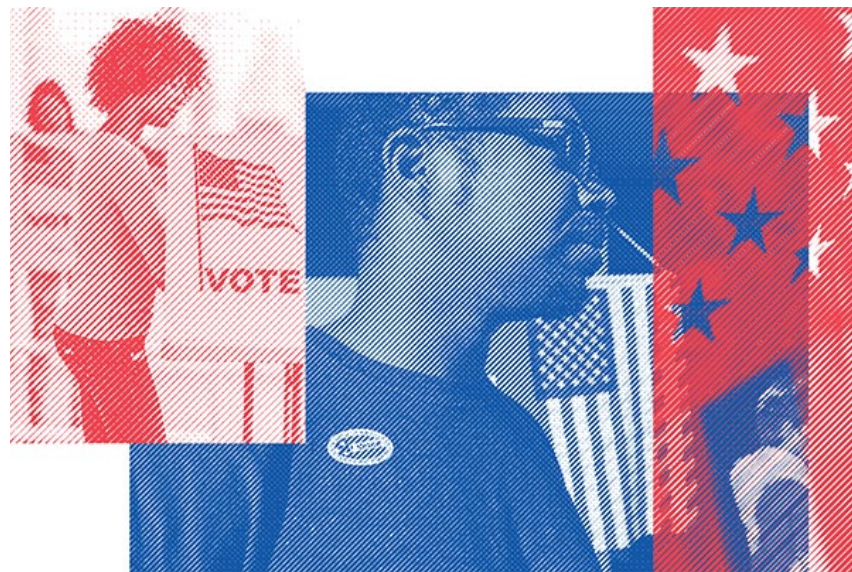
- Aggressive questioning about voting qualifications
- People falsely presenting themselves as election officials
- False information about voting requirements
- Harassment, especially targeting non-English speakers and voters of color
- ***You can report intimidation to the Election Protection Hotline:**
 - 1-866-OUR-VOTE
 - 1-888-VE-Y-VOTA (en Español)



Know Your Rights at the Polls

If you believe your voting rights have been violated at the polls, you may contact:

- Office of the Secretary of State (866-IN1-Vote)
- Indiana Disability Rights Hotline (1-800-622-4845)
- Department of Justice Voting Rights Hotline (800-253-3931)



Know Your Rights at the Polls

If you're unsure on what ID to bring to the polls:

- Accepted government photo identification is as follows:
 - State of Indiana identification with the voter's **name**, **photograph**, and an **expiration date** that is current or expired after the most recent general election
 - U.S. government identification that meets the above criteria
 - Student ID from a public institution in Indiana that meets the above criteria
 - Military ID (need not include an expiration date)
 - Voters may also apply for a free photo ID at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles

Know Your Rights at the Polls

If you want to share a photo of your ballot:

- Taking a picture of one's ballot and sharing it with family and friends is an expression of pride and enthusiasm about voting, and is a form of political speech that is protected. As a result of an ACLU of Indiana lawsuit, Hoosiers have the right to take photos of their ballots.
- If you do, be sure to tag @ACLUIndiana on social media!

Spotlight: Trans and GNC Voters

- Transgender and gender non-conforming voters may encounter barriers related to identification.
 - The ability to update state-issued ID is not universally available to all trans people.
- Trans voters (particularly in small communities) may avoid in-person voting altogether due to fears of harassment or of being "outed."
- Many trans voters choose to utilize early voting options rather than go to the polls in person on election day.

Spotlight: Trans and GNC Voters

- If all other legal requirements are met, transgender people are entitled to their right to vote even if the gender on their identification card does not match a poll worker's interpretation of their appearance or dress.
- Poll workers should not harass transgender voters by publicly "outing" them or sharing personal information about them with others at the polling place.
 - Depending on the context, this could be considered voter intimidation.

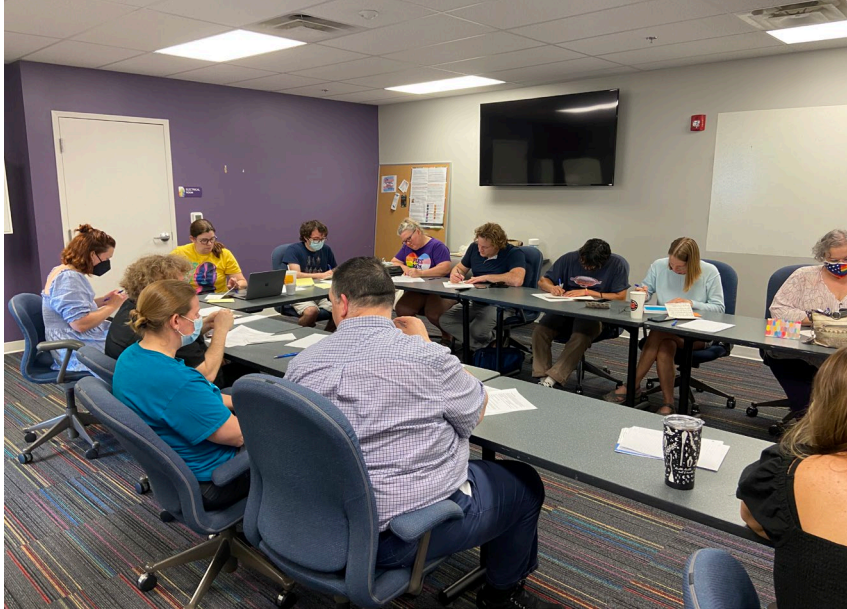
How to stay engaged after you vote...

Political Advocacy

Start local, start local, start local.

- In-district or in-person meetings
- Rally/protests
- Educational events with calls to action
- Digital campaigns





Contacting Your Reps

- Attend a third house meeting
 - <https://www.aclu-in.org/en/news/third-house-meetings>
- Hosting letter/postcard writing parties
- Making calls
- Encouraging others to do the same

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS PROTESTS

If protesting, you have the **First Amendment Right** to:

- Peacefully assemble
- Photograph or videotape the police
- Protest in public spaces
- Photograph anything in plain view

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Rallies & Protests

Know Your Rights:

- www.aclu.org/know-your-rights
 - Educate yourself
 - Take action

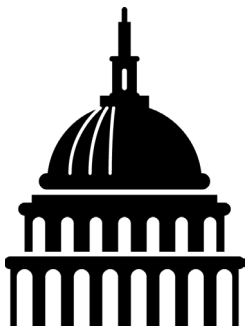
Political Advocacy

- Join/ support an organization doing work around an issue(s) you care about and keep up with them.
 - Sign up for email action alerts
 - Follow them on social media
 - Go to their local events
 - Donate
 - +much more!

ACLU of Indiana TEAP

- By providing training and programs that educate the public about the lives of transgender Hoosiers, TEAP (Transgender Education and Advocacy Program) aims to make Indiana a more welcoming state.





Resources

- **“Go-To” Source for info on legislation:**
 - Track legislation
 - Research legislators and committees
 - Track committee agendas
 - Watch hearings
 - **Federal:** [congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov)
 - **Indiana:** iga.in.gov
- **Advocacy toolkits**
 - [ACLU-IN.ORG](https://aclu-in.org)

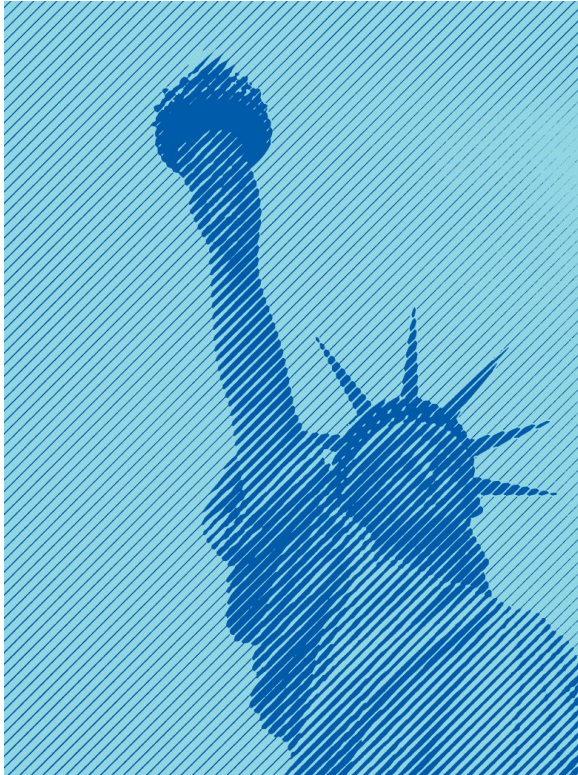


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