VOTE 2020

> **Vote as if your life depends on it *because it does!***
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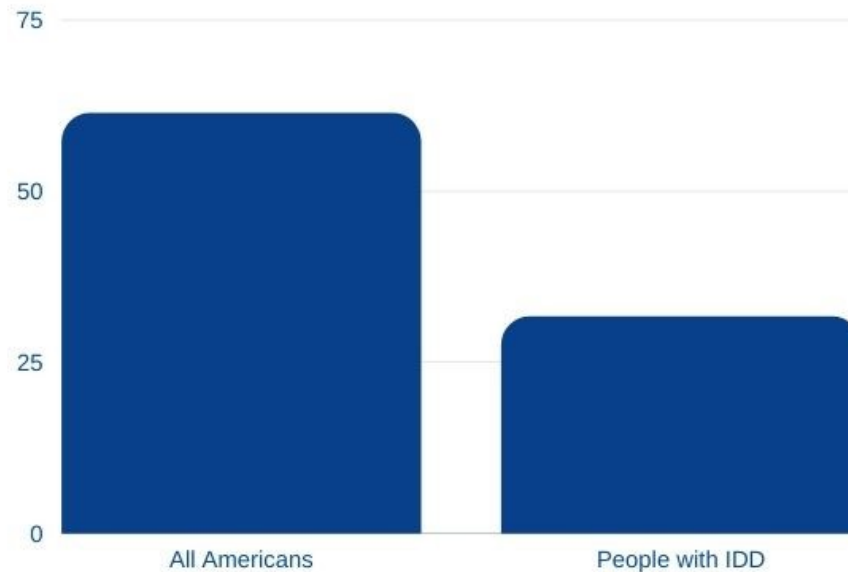
YOUR VOTE COUNTS

Only 31.7% of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities voted in 2016, compared to 61.4% of all Americans*

*US Census and 2017–2018 National Core Indicators Project

The Ripple Effect of the Disability Vote

- Over 35 million eligible voters are people with disabilities

- Over 62 million eligible voters are either PWD or family members with PWD in their household

- Millions more are connected to disability

COVID-19 Challenges

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/election-polling-locations.html

- Fewer in-person registration drives
- Need to vote from home
- Need for safety at polling locations
- Staffing for polling locations
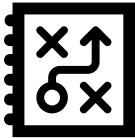- Needs for Accessibility

What to do

Get registered or confirm your registration
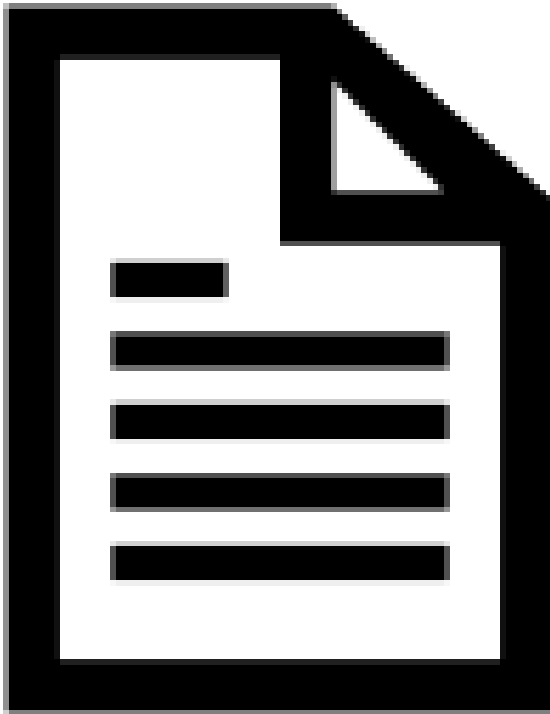
Plan how best to vote this year

Learn about candidates

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Registration

- Know the deadline for your state
- Know how to do it
  - In-person
  - Online
  - By mail
- Confirm that your Registration is current
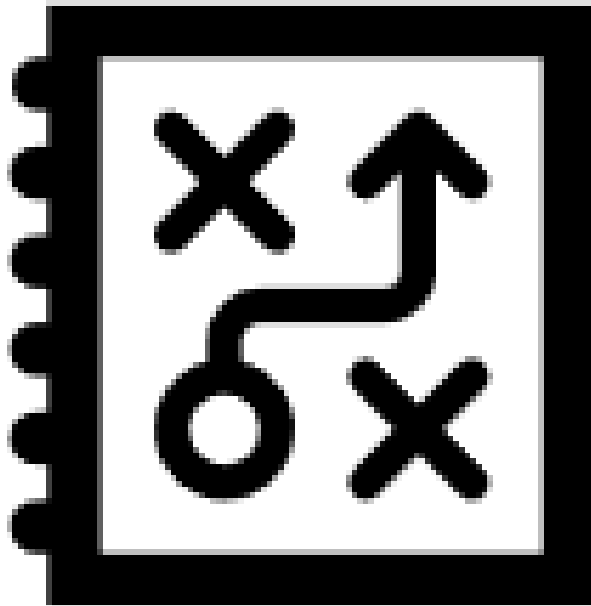- Help others
- Navigate Guardianship

Registration tools

- [Deadline by state](#)
- [Help getting ID](#)
- [Places to check your registration](#)
- [Share online registration](#)
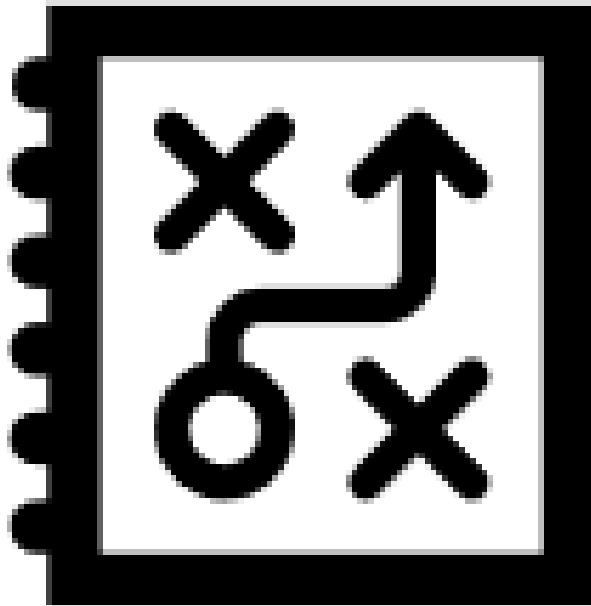- [Guardianship and Voting](#)

Planning

- Will you vote by mail?
  – Request ballot
  – Get help filling out
  – Know deadlines
- Will you vote in person?
  – Find location
  – Plan for getting there
  – Consider early voting if possible

Planning Tools

Know Your Options

- [Plain Language and easy read guides tool kit](#)

- [Learn about Voting by Mail](#)

- [Learn about early voting](#)

- [Learn about assessible voting](#)

- [Video: Overcoming Voting Barriers](#)

Learn about Candidates

- Find sample ballot
- Learn about candidates
- What issues are important to you?
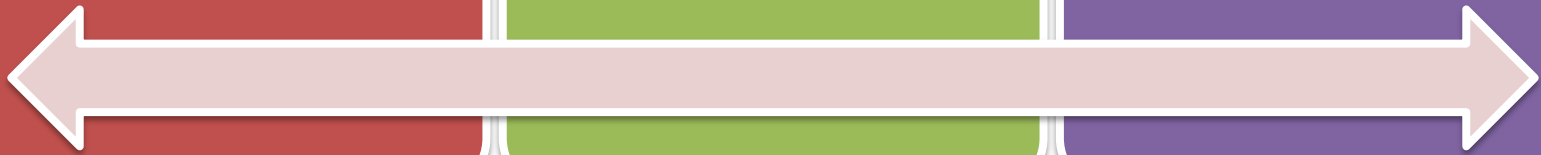
Elections 2020

President

All 435 seats in the United States House of Representatives

35 of the 100 seats in the United States Senate will be contested.

State and local races

Learn about Candidates Tools

- Find sample ballot
  - Election board website
  - Local advocates
- Learn about candidates
  - Media
  - Issue organizations
- Video: Being an Educated Voter

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- Meet deadlines

- Overcome barriers

- Help others

VOTE Tools

- **Federal Voting Rights Card**
- **ADA Polling Place Solutions**

you have the right to:

- Vote privately and independently
- Have an accessible polling place with voting machines for voters with disabilities

you may either:

- Seek assistance from workers at the polling place who have been trained to use the accessible voting machine, or
- Bring someone to help you vote

You may request your local election officials to tell you about any voting aids, voting assistance, and absentee ballot procedures that are available.

More Tools

Disability Community

- [Your Vote Counts: A Self-Advocate's Guide to Voting in the U.S](#): ASAN toolkit focuses on voting

- [Find REV UP in Your State](#)

- www.onevotenow.org: voting website from NACDD

- www.ndrn.org/voting/: Voting website from NDRN

Voting Community

- https://www.whenweallvote.org/

- https://www.vote.org/

- https://www.lwv.org/

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