## Time to Vote! Virtual Youth Voter Registration Lesson



#### Today's Goals

Learn how voting affects the issues you care about.

Find out how to register to vote online.

Identify the things you need to be prepared to cast your ballot.





## Virtue Classroom

## Voter Registration Discussion





Has anyone gone to the polls with their family or worked at the polls?

### Share what it was like!



#### What do you care about?

College Debt



Minimum Wage





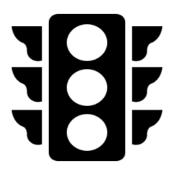
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### Voice Your Vote!

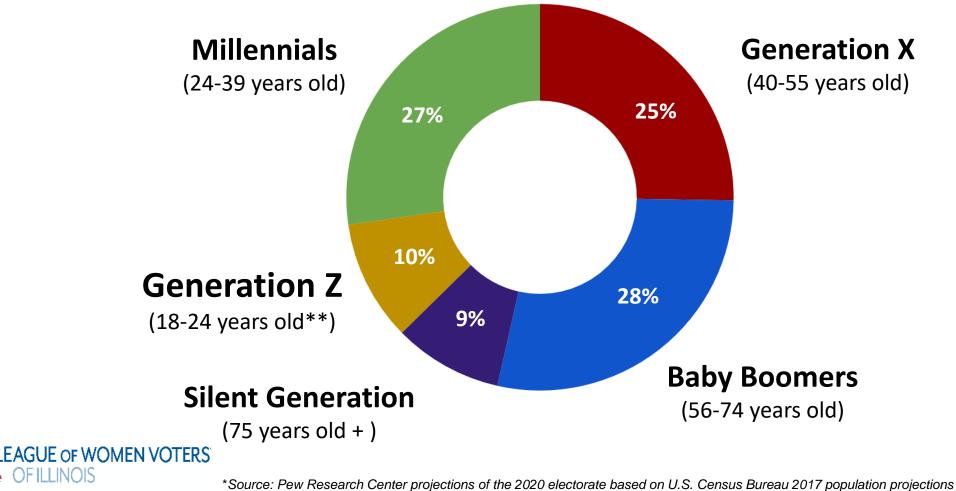
**Everyone Raise Your Hand!** You all represent the 18-to-24-year-olds who can vote.

# 1/3 of the class, put your hand down. Everyone who put their hand down did not register to vote.

Another 1/3 of the class, put your hand down. Everyone who has their hand down did not vote.



#### **Projected Percentage of Voting Population by** Generation in 2020\*



**DEILLINOIS** 

\*\*Age ranges represent generation age range in 2020

#### Young people care about the future of democracy

• \*2018, CIRCLE (civicyouth.org)



Percentage of Youth, Ages 18-24, Who Have Participated in Various forms of Political Engagement

Political Actions	2016	2018
Signing a petition	34%	48%
Following a candidate or campaign on social media	16%	23%
Displaying a sticker or a sign supporting a candidate	12%	14%
Attending a demonstration or a march	5%	15%

Source: Tisch College's CIRCLE 2018 Pre-Election Poll



#### Three Steps to Making your Voice Heard!





#### Can I Register to Vote? You can register to vote today if you are...

A U.S. citizen

□18 years old on or before Election Day

• 17-year-olds are eligible to register for a Primary Election if they will be 18 by the General Election

□You must live in your precinct at least 30 days before the election

□You must not claim the right to vote elsewhere

□You must not be in prison or jail serving time for a conviction

• Ex-convicts who have completed their sentences and who meet all other requirements listed above are eligible to register and vote in Illinois

Reminder:

Register by October 18, 2020 to vote in the November election LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ILLINOIS Registering to vote has never been easier to do online!





And click on register to vote



# Other Illinois Voter Guide features







WILL BE AVAILABLE ON AUGUST 24, 2020.

# Use Illinois Voter Guide **COTE** to Make a Plan to Vote

- What am I voting on?
- When am I voting?



#### What am I voting on?

The Illinois Voter Guide will be updated as soon as ballots are finalized in late August. Sign up to be notified when updates are ready and the guide goes live.



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# Illinois Voter Guide contains



- Candidate Biographies (education and experience)
- Stances on issues
- Endorsements

Every piece of information is verified by researchers and linked back to its source.



### Make a Plan to Vote



- Decide on a specific early voting day or election day.
- Decide on a time you would like to vote.
- Decide whether to remind yourself via email, text or on your calendar.



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#### YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO:



- ✓ Even if your name is not on the voter list (provisional ballot)
- ✓ If you are in line when the polls close
- ✓ By secret ballot

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- ✓ Take advantage of early, or mail-in options in Illinois
- ✓ Get help casting your ballot
- ✓ Get a new ballot if you have made a mistake, before you cast your ballot



- ✓ Ask questions about the election procedures
- ✓ Watch the election process
- ✓ Report any problems you see

#### More Classroom Resources

- www.Illinoisvoterguide.org
- <u>www.icivics.org/teachers</u> (lesson plans on civic participation and voting rights
- <u>www.RocktheVote.org</u>
- <u>http://youthdata.circle.tufts.edu/</u> (local youth civic data for your community!)
- <u>http://www.teachingfordemocracy.o</u> <u>rg/for-distance-learning.html</u>







Thank you!

