

BARRIERS TO VOTING IN AMERICA

VOTING IS SOCIAL WORK'S
WHY VOTE? CAMPAIGN

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million**

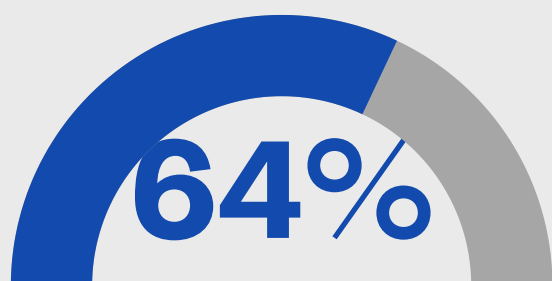
People were purged from voter rolls across the country from 2014-2016. While trying to clean up the voter rolls, eligible voters are often purged from the voter rolls in the process.¹

**5.2
million**

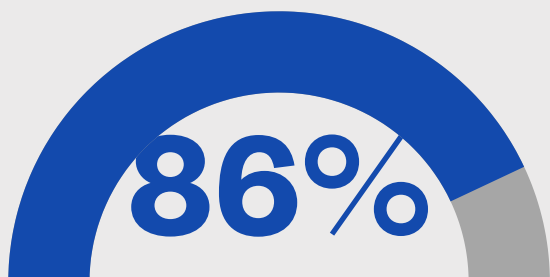
Americans were barred from voting in the 2020 election due to felony disenfranchisement laws.²

"Democracy is not a spectator sport."

Marian Wright Edelman



Only 64% of voting-age Americans were registered to vote in the 2016 election, putting America behind many other highly developed democratic countries. The process of voter registration is up to the state government to decide...some states still do not allow voter registration to occur online...³



In 2021, 43 states proposed laws that would incorporate new voting restrictions.⁴

According to The Economist Intelligence Unit, America was again listed as a flawed democracy in 2020 due to rising political polarization and rising civil discord.⁵

Help us create a stronger democracy by fighting voter suppression. There are so many ways that Americans' votes are being suppressed today. Join the Why Vote? Campaign and host your own voter registration drive! To join the Why Vote? Campaign, visit votingissocialwork.org.



1. [Brennan Center for Justice](#) 2. [The Sentencing Project](#) 3. [Pew Research Center](#)
4. [The Washington Post](#) 5. [The Economist](#)