

Upcoming!

Beyond Voting - Elections and Campaign Finance. So much going on! Election laws, suppression, changes to VRA, redistricting, etc. And, a ton of propaganda to sow doubt! **Representation, our Federal Government and the Constitution.** How has our federal government and the Constitution contributed to the widespread feeling of not being properly represented – and what can we do to change things!

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Beyond Voting: Elections and Campaign Finance

Tuesday, September 1. VIRTUAL. 3:30 PST. 6:30 EST. *Note times!* Bloomfield [CT] Public Library. Check website for registration details to come.

Thursday, October 8. 4-5:30 PST. In-person. No registration necessary. West Slope Community Library. 3678 SW 78th Ave. Portland [OR].

Representation, our Federal Government and the Constitution

Sunday, September 13. 2-3:30 PST. In-person. No registration necessary. Everyone welcome. Indivisible Polk County. Dallas, OR. Address tba. Check my website.

Thursday, September 17. 4-5:30 PST. In-person. No registration necessary. West Slope Community Library. 3678 SW 78th Ave. Portland [OR].

Check out my two new essays!

[On the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence-Final.pdf](#)
[Election 2026 Warning - 2-page.pdf](#)

Check out the updated Resource Lists for both the Constitution and the Activism workshops
www.civictinker.info/resources

Selected Civics for Adults Facebook posts:

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The Constitution gives the states primary responsibility for elections. Secondly, Congress has some authority to institute some laws that will help insure smooth functioning. Lastly, through Congressionally mandated actions, some federal agencies and departments have been charged with responsibilities in regard to helping ensure our elections are smoothly run. However, the President, under Article 1 of the Constitution, has *no* authority over elections.

Why, then, has much of the federal architecture that has been helpful to state and local election bodies been gutted in the past year and a half? Why, especially, when the administration is so quick to accuse our election structure of inadequacies, indeed, of fraudulent practices, would one seek to hinder or destroy the very segments of the federal government that states have relied on for help. The list is consequential and includes, among others, CISA – Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, and the EAC – the Election Assistance Administration.

Here are some related articles:

Trump Administration Cuts Make Elections More Vulnerable to Foreign Influence and Disinformation

The depletion of staff and resources at various agencies leaves the government underprepared to respond to attempts to influence elections by China, Russia, and others.

Hasan. Brennan Center for Justice. July 15, 2026.

<https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/analysis-opinion/trump-administration-cuts-make-elections-more-vulnerable-foreign>

Trump zeroes in on election security. His team has cut thousands of election-focused federal workers.

By Nicole Sganga. CBS News. July 16, 2026 / 8:30 PM EDT /

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/trump-election-security-cisa-justice-department-fbi-federal-worker-cuts/>

As Trump warns of election threats, independent agencies have been cut

Sarah D. Wire. USA TODAY July 17, 2026.

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2026/07/17/donald-trump-election-threats-independence-federal-agencies-cut/90941671007/>

Trump Has Systematically Dismantled Election Security Efforts. Here's How.

Since his return to the White House, the lead federal partner for states on election security has lost around a third of its work force. Dustin Volz. NYT. July 16, 2026

"Trump fires all Election Assistance Commission members, leaving agency unable to act"

Rick Hasan. Election Law Blog. July 9, 2026.

https://electionlawblog.org/?p=157199&fbclid=IwY2xjawTOVqZleHRuA2FlbQlXMQBzcnRjBmFwcF9pZBAyMjIwMzkxNzg4MjAwODkyAAEe-8R1j2OI1sdzClxhTTdrYEDOWSbkzB_wxx4hhMH404NqGmKSEhkQp5FU_Uk_aem_aFoHG4NQhWPIJ1nfSe_gXZg

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How amazing that we now live in a country where local election officials have to play out practice scenarios where the federal government attempts to seize ballots. OTOH, thanks to those local officials for preparing! Watch **Breaking the Deadlock: How to Fix an Election** PBS. 7/7/26.

This is a fascinating role-play of events that have, and could, unfold relating to elections and immigration. Leaders such as Claire McCaskill, Chris Christie, Mark Cuban, Mark T. Esper, former U.S. Secretary of Defense, Deidre M. Henderson, Lieutenant Governor of Utah, Melissa Murray, professor of law and others are presented with moral dilemmas to which they must respond as players in scenarios we may see.

https://www.pbs.org/video/breaking-the-deadlock-how-to-fix-an-election-7ka7qh/?fbclid=IwY2xjawTOWGxleHRuA2FlbQlXMQBzcnRjBmFwcF9pZBAyMjIwMzkxNzg4MjAwODkyAAEeiQkrUTk3CAejxMu-6qw_hYZ-VefKyry-Jh9ikyScANzcCVI8BQicTzQj3LU_aem_0ATF9ypXRGb909geGmc8ig

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Defeating misinformation is, in part, about curating a set of trusted sources of information.

Here is a group that does good work around our elections. You'll notice both GOP and Democratic election officials commenting in the short video on the About page, from the Center for Election Innovation and Research. The Media page has links to some informative media reports.

Center for Election Innovation and Research

<https://electioninnovation.org/>

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We had some consequential Supreme Court ruling last month, including on presidential power...

What the Supreme Court rulings mean for presidential power

PBS. June 29, 2026.

https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/what-the-supreme-court-rulings-mean-for-presidential-power?fbclid=IwY2xjawTOXWFlleHRuA2FlbQlXMQBzcnRjBmFwcF9pZBAyMjIwMzkxNzg4MjAwODkyAAEe-3XUVotYVx6PeKfWptyq1B7oMnUgScrhc_sQeYyBPN1kfW0wI_GH36Q3F-E_aem_eDajcsIDVvRNk7RWILzPug#transcript

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More at <https://www.facebook.com/Civics-for-Adults-1490728887922036>

Ask your local library or community group to sponsor a workshop! Thanks.

Flyer describing workshops: https://files.cdn-files-a.com/uploads/2516289/normal_68015c18b94c1.pdf