Covering Elections and Voting in 2024: A Media Guide

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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Our Covering Elections and Voting in 2024: A Media Guide, published in April, includes six pages of sources for journalists. We now have several additional sources to help those covering this crucial story in the coming months.

Reporters face the challenge of informing the American public about elections and voting amid widespread misinformation, changing rules and what will likely be a flood of legal activity. The threats of violence and foreign interference also hang over the upcoming election.

As always, it's crucial for journalists to vet their sources and know who they can trust for accurate information. At the same time, it is important to touch base with campaigns, political parties and other interest groups — even if they have a partisan or misleading story to tell — to get a fuller picture of what's going on. The key is to put that information in context and provide voters with the most factual, complete and useful stories possible. We hope our guide and this supplement will help.

As we noted earlier, these election sources are only a sampling of the many available to journalists, but they cover the key topics and will likely lead to other helpful sources.

Government agencies and associations

U.S. Department of Justice. justice.gov/voting/election-threats
DOJ has set up a site devoted to its work tracking election threats and its enforcement of laws to protect election workers and voters.

Nonprofits and other organizations

Alliance for Securing Democracy. securingdemocracy.gmfus.org
This initiative of the German Marshall Fund monitors and reports on efforts to undermine democratic institutions worldwide, and proposes ways to counter such efforts, with a specific focus on the U.S. 2024 election.

Campaign Legal Center. campaignlegal.org
The nonpartisan center aims to protect voting rights through advocacy and litigation.

Issue One. issueone.org; howelectionswork.org
A cross-partisan group that works to improve the administration of elections, promotes the nonpartisan work of election officials and provides detailed information on how voting is conducted state-by-state.

National Vote at Home Institute. voteathome.org
A nonpartisan group that encourages absentee and mail voting and provides research and data on the process.

OSET Institute. osetinstitute.org
A nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that promotes the security and accuracy of election technology and works to increase public trust in elections.

Overseas Vote Foundation. overseasvotefoundation.org
Provides support and voting information for Americans living overseas and in the U.S. military.

Power the Polls. powerthepolls.org
A nonpartisan group that works with businesses and other groups to recruit poll workers.

Verified Voting. verifiedvoting.org
Provides information and expertise on the reliability and use of election technology around the country. It offers a comprehensive database of election equipment and post-election audit requirements in every county.

Vet the Vote. vetthe.vote
A national campaign to recruit veterans and military family members to serve as poll workers.

Academia

CalTech 2024 Election Integrity Project. protectingtheelection.us
Researches the administration of elections to help officials improve the process. A source for experts and data.

Georgetown Law. law.georgetown.edu/icap/election-hub
The law school's Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection produces legal guidance and fact sheets to help prevent political violence and defend constitutional rights.

Media

Election Overtime. electionovertime.org
This project by the Election Reformers Network and Bridge Alliance provides resources for reporters covering close and contested elections. This includes guides on the rules and procedures governing observers, ballot counting, certification and legal challenges in six battleground states.

Knight Election Hub. accounts.muckrock.com/election-hub
This site provides multiple sources for journalists covering elections and voting, and free or reduced-price resources for newsrooms, including polling, data and training.

NewsGuard's Reality Check. newsguardrealitycheck.com
This free weekly report tracks online election misinformation and helps identify fake news sites. NewsGuard offers many additional paid services for newsrooms.