



Issues in the Home Stretch and Voter Protection

As we head into the home stretch of election season, learn about the issues that matter most to women voters, how to combat election disinformation, and how to make your plan to vote. For It's My Vote! Election Resources, visit:

<https://www.aauw.org/itsmyvote>.



Members around the country have been sharing why their vote matters. Download your sign: <https://www.aauw.org/app/uploads/2024/07/Its-My-Vote-sign.pdf> and tag us on social media @AAUW (Twitter/X) and @AAUWnational (Instagram).



YWomenVote Gen Z National Town Hall



AAUW was an anchor partner for YWCA's nonpartisan YWomenVote Gen Z National Town Hall in September. The event, featuring two AAUW speakers, centered and uplifted diverse Gen Z voices. The discussion drew on YWCA's 2024 national survey of the top priorities among women, nonbinary, and gender-expansive registered voters heading into the election: <https://www.ywomenvote.org/results>.



AAUW Action Fund's nonpartisan Voter Issue Guide helps you learn about key issues supporting gender equity so you can cast your ballot for candidates who share your values: <https://www.aauwaction.org/voter-education/voter-issue-guide/>. It includes sample questions to: help you evaluate candidates' stances, ask at public events (virtual and in-person), and discuss on social media.

With a few weeks left before Election Day, share this guide and ask these questions of our candidates.



Polls are showing access to abortion care is a critically important issue for women this election season. Reproductive rights and access to abortion care are fundamental pillars in promoting women's education and economic security. Autonomy over if, when and how to have children is vital to women's ability to control their lives, bodies and futures.






<p>Arizona, vote YES on Proposition 139 and reclaim your bodily autonomy.</p> <p>AAUW</p>	<p>YES on NY Prop 1 to protect abortion and our freedoms.</p> <p>AAUW</p>	<p>Colorado, Protect Reproductive Freedom. Vote YES on Amendment 79</p> <p>AAUW</p>	<p>Missouri, vote YES on Amendment 3 to ensure reproductive freedom.</p> <p>AAUW</p>
<p>Protect the right to marry for all Californians. Vote YES on Prop 3</p> <p>AAUW</p>	<p>Maryland, protect access to abortion. Vote YES on Question 1</p> <p>AAUW</p>	<p>Florida, vote YES on 4. Limit government interference with abortion.</p> <p>AAUW</p>	<p>Washington State: Support working women and prevent cuts to childcare, education, long-term care this election!</p> <p>AAUW</p>

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Abortion is on the ballot in 11 states. Find more information on the AAUW Action Fund Ballot Initiatives webpage: <https://www.aauwaction.org/voter-education/initiatives/> and AAUW social media channels: Twitter/X: [@AAUW](https://twitter.com/AAUW); Facebook: [AAUW](https://www.facebook.com/AAUW); Instagram: [@AAUWnational](https://www.instagram.com/AAUWnational).

Combating Disinformation

Share truthful information with your community.

-  Voting logistics
-  Vote by mail
-  Drop boxes
-  Ballot collection
-  Election night ≠ Results night



Source: Common Cause, Leadership Conference Center for Civil Rights and Technology, Spitfire Strategies



How to Spot Disinformation:

- Pause to check your facts. Look into the source the information is coming from. Do this especially when what you're seeing evokes a strong emotional response, as that is a common disinformation tactic.
- If you do encounter disinformation, do not repeat, reply to, or share it.
- Instead, flag the content for social media platforms and report it: <https://reportdisinfo.org/>.

The general election is just around the corner. Sharing truthful, proactive messaging about voting and elections is one of the best ways we can make disinformation a losing strategy.

Voting logistics - Disinformation about voting logistics aims to confuse voters about when or how to vote. It is compounded by confusion about new legislation affecting voting policies. Clarify your state's voting laws and direct voters to trusted websites for more information.

Vote by mail - The security of vote by mail was a major target of disinformation campaigns. We can counter these narratives by emphasizing the secure process for

counting mail-in ballots and the importance of vote by mail to ensure every American can participate in our democracy.

Drop boxes - In many states, ballot drop boxes are a secure option for voters who want to avoid the rush at polling places on Election Day. Using a ballot drop box is a safe and accessible method for voters to return our absentee or mail-in ballots. Want to know if this is an option in your state? Visit your state's election website!

Ballot collection- Did you know that not all voters have easy access to mail services or in-person voting? In many states, ballot collection is an accessible option for voters to make their voices heard. Checks and balances ensure the security of our votes. Discover whether ballot collection is an option in your state here.

Election night ≠ Results night - We may not know the results on election day — and that's okay. When it comes to election results, accuracy is more important than speed. Election officials must take the time to do their job and ensure every vote is accurately and securely counted before we declare a winner. #CountEveryVote

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Make a Plan to Vote

- Check your voter registration: weall.vote/aauw
- Know what's on your ballot: vote411.org
- Plan logistics to vote
- Save the Election Protection hotline #: **866-OUR-VOTE** (866-687-8683)
- Encourage your friends & family to make their plan to vote!



We know that voters who make a plan, including how and where to vote, are more likely to follow through on Election Day. Make your plan to vote:

<https://www.aauwaction.org/voter-registration/>.

- Check your voter registration: <https://weall.vote/aauw>
- Know what and who is on your ballot: <https://www.vote411.org/>
- Plan the logistics of how you're going to cast your ballot: <https://whenweallvote.org/takeaction/voter-resources-hub/#plan>.
 - Know where you're going to vote, when you're going, and how you're getting there. Check if your state requires ID or documentation for voting. Prepare for long lines on Election Day; and remember that if you are in line at the time the polling place closes, you have the right to vote.
- Save the Election Protection hotline # 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683) and resources: <https://866ourvote.org/>.
 - If your voting rights are challenged at the polls or if you see voter suppression, call the nonpartisan Election Protection hotline. If someone else in your community needs help, share this number with them.
- Help your friends and family make their plan to vote!

Thank You!



Questions? Reach out to us at policy@aauw.org. Join us for a webinar next month as we look ahead at women's economic security post-election—more information to come.

- Additional Resources:
 - Volunteer to protect the vote (non-partisan): <https://protectthevote.net/>
 - Become a poll worker in your community (non-partisan): <https://www.powerthepolls.org/>
 - When to Write a Letter to the Editor vs. an Op-ed: <https://www.aauw.org/resources/policy/advocacy-toolkit/lte-vs-oped/>