“Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely. The real safeguard of democracy, therefore, is education.”

– Franklin D. Roosevelt

“All people are born alike – except Republicans and Democrats.”

– Groucho Marx

## Get Registered

### In Texas...

You must have your voter registration submitted or postmarked at least 30 days before the election in which you intend to vote.

- **VoteTexas.org**: Get information on how & where to vote or register to vote and countdowns to upcoming voting days.
  - List of accepted photo IDs in Texas
- **Harris Votes**: Voter and polling information for Harris County residents.
- **Vote411**: Find your polling place, build your ballot online, and other election info.

## Get Informed

Regardless of for whom you plan to vote, it pays to know the candidates’ stances on issues important to you to make an educated and rational choice.

### Internet Sites

**Fact-Checkers:**
- PolitiFact
- FactCheck.org
- Washington Post: The Fact Checker
- AZ Fact Check

These sites exist to fact-check the assertions and facts presented in political speeches.
Informational:

- **On the Issues**: Explains common terms relating to the election process as well as various issues and lists candidates’ quotes relating to the issues.

- **TV News Search & Borrow**: Search news broadcast transcripts from 2009-present.

- **Compilation of Presidential Documents**: Copies of the President’s weekly statements.

- **White House**: White House page on popular issues and the sitting president’s actions on them.

- **ProCon.Org** offers topic overviews for debated issues. Check back closer to a federal election to get a comparison chart of candidates’ stances.

- **StateImpact: Texas (NPR)** reports on state-wide environmental and energy issues that affect Texans.

- **League of Women Voters of the Houston Area**: Local chapter of the LWV offer voter guides specific to Houston, TX.

- **Brennan Center for Justice**: Voting rights & elections information page discussing topics like voter fraud, student voting, voter reform, and more.

Databases

Library databases contain articles, newspapers, images, documents, papers, media and more. The databases selected for you here are best for finding campaign issue information.

Use the advanced search features.

- **CQ Researcher**: provides a detailed overview of issues, including a background and chronology of the topic, outlook, and pro/con

- **Issues and Controversies** (Facts on File): offers full-text articles covering the introduction to a topic and arguments for and against it, as well as related articles, statistics, and images.

- **Academic Search Complete** (EBSCO): journal, magazine and newspaper articles

- **Opposing Viewpoints** (Gale): Compiles links to a variety of sources including journal and news articles, which currently include stories relating to the candidates’ stances.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>News</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
   • **Newspaper Source** (EBSCO): Selected full-text from 30 US national and international newspapers and 200 regional papers, plus TV & radio news transcripts. |  |

EPatton, 2014