



Voter Registration

The problem and how we can fix it.





Not surprisingly, voter registration was designed to exclude

- Massachusetts begins voter registration.
- *Caper v. Foster* decision: Supreme Court ruling allows for voter registration to move forward and deems the practice as constitutional.
- This grants states free reign in selecting who may register to vote.

The State of Louisiana

Literacy Test (This test is to be given to anyone who cannot prove a fifth grade education.)

Do what you are told to do in each statement, nothing more, nothing less. Be careful as one wrong answer denotes failure of the test. You have 10 minutes to complete the test.

1. Draw a line around the number or letter of this sentence.
2. Draw a line under the last word in this line.
3. Cross out the longest word in this line.
4. Draw a line around the shortest word in this line.
5. Circle the first, first letter of the alphabet in this line.
6. In the space below draw three circles, one inside (engulfed by) the other.

7. Above the letter X make a small cross.

8. Draw a line through the letter below that comes earliest in the alphabet.

Z V S B D M K I T P H C

9. Draw a line through the two letters below that come last in the alphabet.

Z V B D M K T P H S Y C

10. In the first circle below write the last letter of the first word beginning with "L".



11. Cross out the number necessary, when making the number below one million.

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12. Draw a line from circle 2 to circle 5 that will pass below circle 2 and above circle 4.



13. In the line below cross out each number that is more than 20 but less than 30.

31 16 48 29 53 47 22 37 98 26 20 25

ORIGINAL POLL TAX RECEIPT Roll 13 Page 310 Line 41

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF SMITH

PRECINCT NO. 40 1945 No. 1100
WARD

Date Oct. 26 1945

Received of Rhoda Swanson
Address Rt# 1, Jeter R. F. D. Box

Age <u>30</u> Years	Native Born	Born in (State or Foreign Country)
Length of Residence <u>30</u> Years	Naturalized Citizen	<u>State</u>
State <u>30</u> Years	Sex: <u>Male</u> - Female	Occupation <u>Housewife</u>
County <u>30</u> Years	Race: <u>White</u> - Colored	Paid by <u>Self</u> Agent
City <u>30</u> Years		

The sum of ONE and 75/100 Dollars, in payment of POLL TAX for the year shown above. The said Taxpayer being duly sworn by me says that the above is correct; all of which I certify.

By FB Deputy
FLOYD SIKES
Tax Assessor and Collector

Voter Registration Requirements

- Poll taxes, literacy tests, felon disenfranchisement, residency requirements
- The original system was designed to exclude low-income residents and black people

2020 Turnout numbers

In 2020, Those who made \$30,000 - \$39,999, voter turnout was at 63.6%. For those with incomes from \$100,000 - \$149,999, voter turnout was at 81%. This translates into a **17.4%** difference.

During the 2020 general elections, white voters turned out at a rate of 71%. Nonwhite voters turned out a rate of 58% which is a gap of **13%** .

Solutions

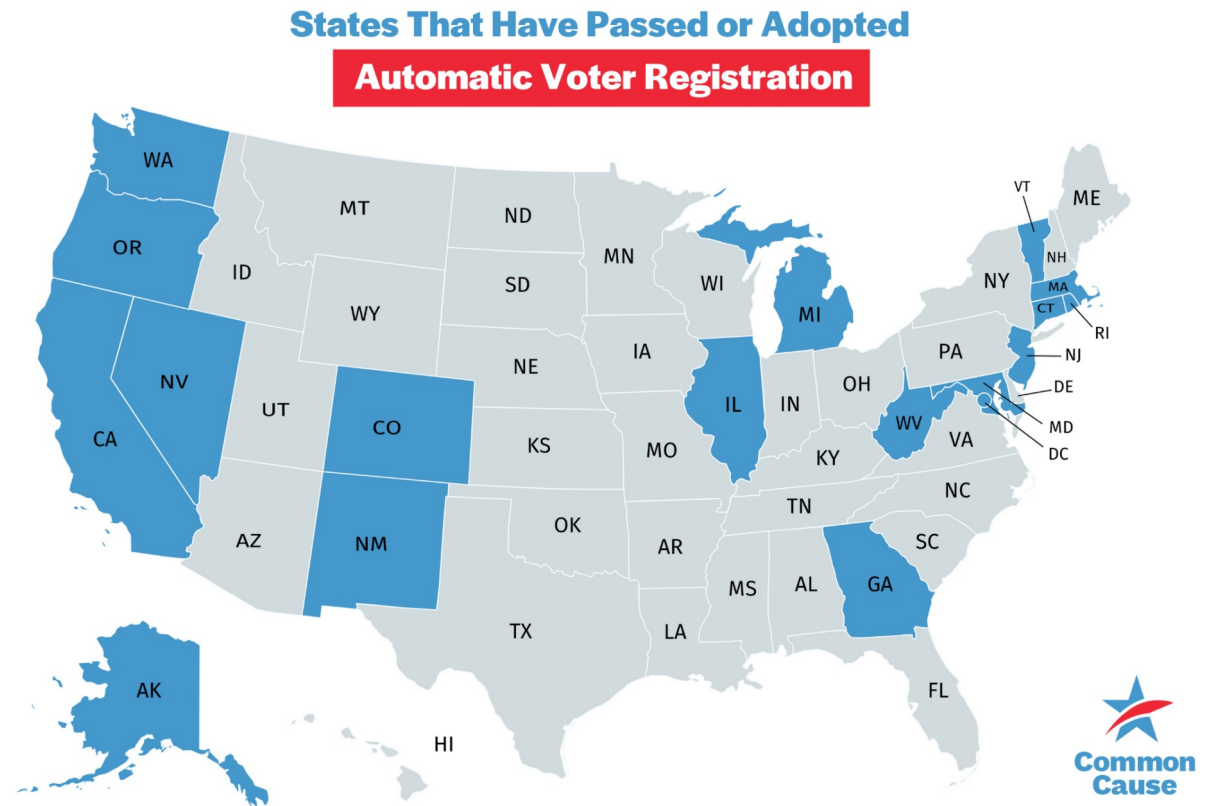
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VITA Voter Registration

Automatic Voter Registration

- Automatically registers someone to vote anytime they interact with any sort of government apparatus.
- Also automatically updates voter registrations if someone were to move.
- 16 states plus the District of Columbia have AVR.
- This process has incorporated more than 2.2 million people onto the voter rolls and has helped 6 million people update their voter registrations.





Same Day Voter Registration

- Allows for a voter to register and vote all in the same day.
- 20 States and the District of Columbia have some form of same day registration.



Registration at VITA Sites

- VITA Clients will have the opportunity to register to vote at all 7 VITA locations in the City.
- VITA provides free tax preparation services to those making \$57,000 per year or less.
- Preliminary data showed an 8 percent increase in voter registrations at other VITA sites and a 10-point increase among those 18-34.

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VITA Voter Registration

- Voter registration took place at all eight VITA sites

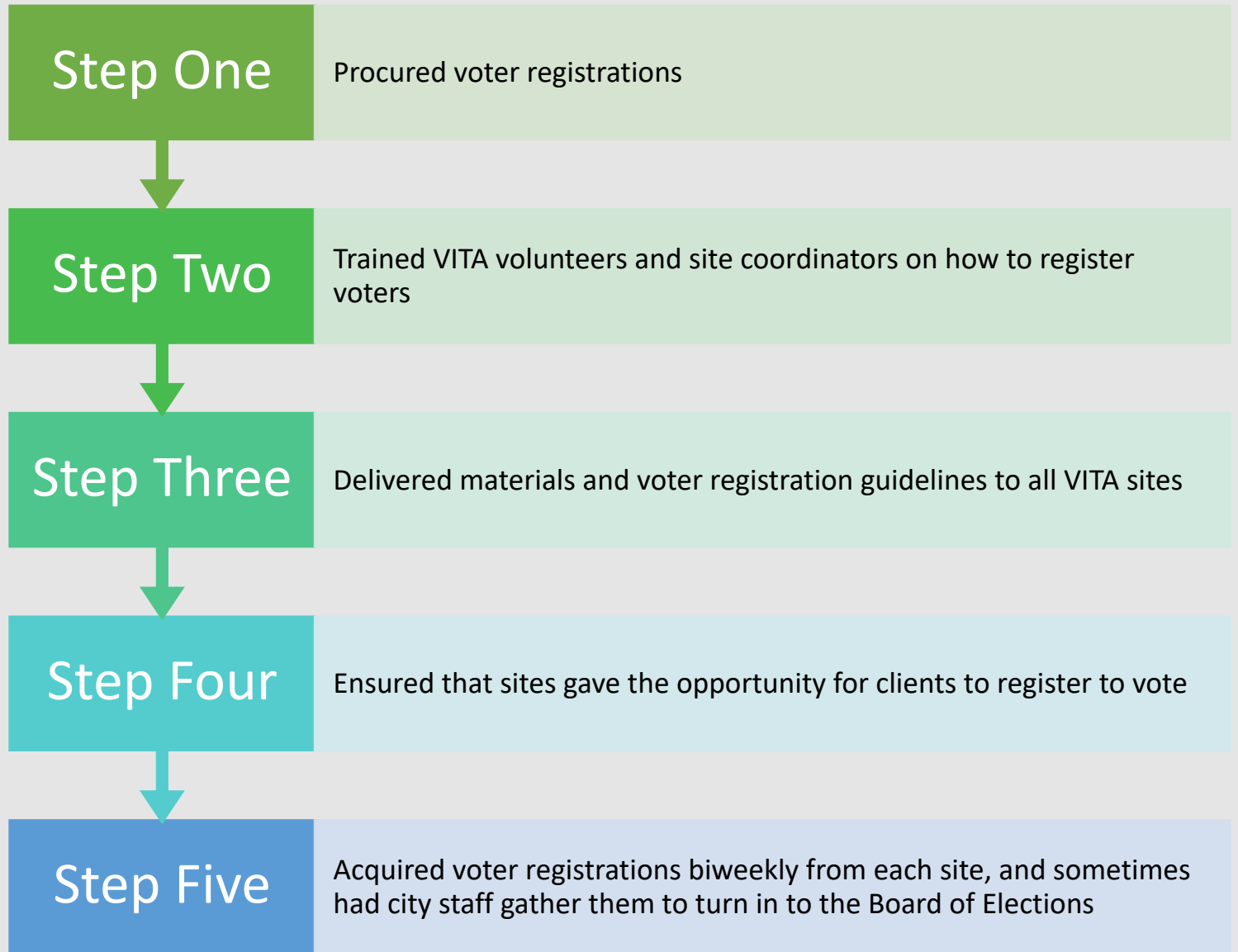
eliminating racism
empowering women

ywca

High Point
Public
Library



Procedure



Results

22 VITA clients were registered to vote throughout the season

I was a little disappointed in the low results but that is TWENTY-TWO whole people who are now enfranchised

The City plans to continue with the program after I graduate

Is voting
really a
right in
this
country?

