

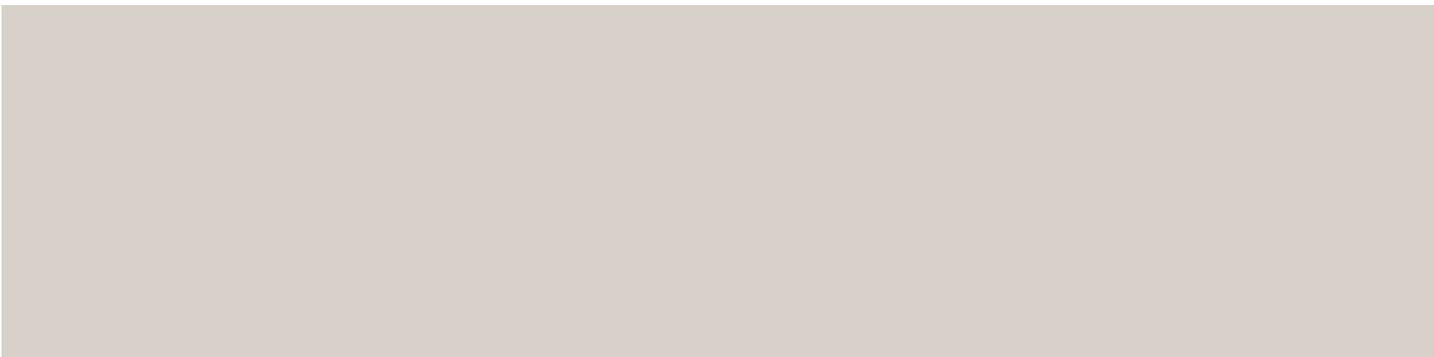
How Elections Impact Our Democratic Republic

Fair and frequent elections are the foundation of democratic republics where the people have the ultimate say over who represents them in government. James Madison wrote in Federalist No. 51, "A dependence on the people is, no doubt, the primary control on the government; but experience has taught mankind the necessity of auxiliary precautions." There are around 500,000 elected officials in the U.S. serving in state legislatures, municipal, town, and county governments, and school districts and special districts.



Think about government elections in the United States and why voting is important.

What are some barriers that may exist for citizens seeking to vote? Given your knowledge of the election process, should the process be adjusted? Why or why not?



Scan the QR Code or click the links below to familiarize yourself with the standard election processes as they exist in the United States of America.



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What influence, if any, does money have in elections?

Are voter I.D. laws unconstitutional? Why or why not?

Why would you want to contact your elected officials? How would you?

Why is your vote important?

Do political parties serve the public interest and further the cause of democracy?

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