

You are invited to join the Summer Challenge!

It's easy. Here's what you need to do:

1. Meet with members of your League and choose a book, documentary or podcast that deals with any voting rights issue which interests your members. We are offering a resource list to make it easier for you.
2. The Summer Challenge will run from June 15 to September 1.
3. If you are reading a book, set a date to discuss the book and create an action plan.
4. If you are viewing a documentary or listening to a podcast, set a date to watch or listen, discuss, and create an action plan.
5. The discussion leader should prepare questions to aid participation and lead discussion toward creating an attainable and needed action follow-up.
6. Please email me (bartim@att.net) with your choice, short report of your discussion and your League's action plan by September 5. We will put your report in the state's September newsletter, "The Voter."

2022 Summer Challenge Resource List

Books

"One Person, No Vote"-Carol Anderson

"Give Us the Ballot"-Ari Berman

"The Fight to Vote"-Michael Waldman

"The Turnout Gap"-Bernard Fraga

"The Politics of Voter Suppression"-Tova Andrea Wang

"Democracy in One Book or Less"-David Litt

"The Embattled Vote in America"-Allen Litchman

"Buying the Vote: A History of Campaign Finance Reform"-Robert E. Mutch

"Democracy by the People: Reforming Campaign Finance in America"-
Eugene D. Mazo

“Plutocrats United: Campaign Money, the Supreme Court and the Distortion of American Elections”-Richard L. Hasen

“Why Do We Still Have the Electoral College?”-Alexander Keyssar

“The Choice of the People? Debating the Electoral College”-Judith A. Best

Documentaries

“Your Vote is Your Voice”-Wille Velasquez

“John Lewis: Good Trouble”

“Whose Vote Counts”-Frontline

“All In: The Fight for Democracy”

“Kill Chain: The Cyber War on America’s Elections”

“Electoral Dysfunction”-Mo Rocca

Podcasts

“Stuff You Should Know: 10 Voter Suppression Methods”

“The United States of Anxiety: A History of Voter Suppression”

“Make It Plain: Dark Money is Funding Voter

16 “civic conversations” (podcasts) produced by Becky Hill, with interviews conducted by Jim Allison of LWVBMC available at <https://lww-bmc.org/podcasts>

- Examining Indiana’s Civic Health, Lisa-Marie Napoli, 3/10/22, 14 min.
- Election Security and Surrounding Disinformation, Abbey Stemler and Scott Shackelford, 12/14/21, 21 min.
- Perspectives on Gerrymandering, Ranjan Rohatgi, 4/17/22, 17 min.
- Civic Engagement: A High School Student’s View, Simone Smith and Shari Frank, 8/24/21, 10 min.
- Redistricting Developments, Julia Vaughn and Sonia Leerkamp, 9/18/20, 16 min.
- Gerrymandering, George Hegeman, 4/11/19, 11 min.
- Conversation about Redistricting, Elaine Gaul, Chaz Mottinger, Vicki Polansky and Jim Allison, 2/27/19, 20 min.
- Gerry’s Regret, a play by Jim Allison, acted by Becky Stapf and Betty Greenwell, 2/27/19, 19 min.
- Community Voices for Health, Liz Grenat and Terry Amsler, 2/15/22, 19 min.
- Indiana Coalition for Public Education, Keri Miksva, 9/10/21, 13 min.
- Moms Demand Action Advocates for Gun Safety Measures, Jennifer Haan, 7/13/21, 15 min.
- Indiana Climate Change Assessment, Melissa Widhalm, 6/15/21, 15 min.
- Ku Klux Klan in the Heartland, James Madison, 5/12/21, 13 min.
- Tribalism, Marjorie Hershey, 4/13/21, 13 min.
- Gender Equality, Susan Williams, 2/22/21, 14 min.
- College Students Big Ten Voting Challenge, Josephine McCormick, 8/20/20, 10 min,
- Disinformation, Betsy Grabe, 1/19/21, 16 min.

Website Resources:

Brennan Center

- <https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/redistricting-mid-cycle-assessment>
- <https://www.brennancenter.org/issues/gerrymandering-fair-representation/redistricting>
- <https://www.brennancenter.org/issues/ensure-every-american-can-vote/vote-suppression>
- <https://www.brennancenter.org/issues/ensure-every-american-can-vote/voting-reform/people-act-democracy-reform>

About Redistricting Commissions—

- https://ballotpedia.org/Redistricting_commissions
- <https://www.ncsl.org/research/redistricting/2009-redistricting-commissions-table.aspx>