# DO NOT SHUT UP!

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## The Texas Voter Purge - Part II

The Texas government tried to eliminate voters off our states' rolls. Supposedly people had signed up to be able to cast bad ballots. Texas officials thought that 100,000 Texans should be kicked off of the roll of real Texas voters; these were illegal residents who should never have gotten ballots. Letters went out to our counties, flagging these people, who would be kicked off the rolls unless they proved their right to vote. Three lawsuits were filed against Texas. A federal judge looked at the evidence.

"Only about 80 have so far been deemed to be ineligible to vote," Judge Biery said--80 out of 100,000. David Whitely, our Secretary of State, made a "mess," resulting in "perfectly legal naturalized Americans...burdened with what the Court finds to be ham-handed and threatening correspondence from the state."

The federal judge ordered Texas to stop this ridiculous effort. Beyond that, Texas legislators are refusing to reconfirm Whitely. You need two-thirds to vote in your favor, and all the Democrats refuse to do so in our Senate.

This is an instance where legal citizens were identified as criminals in a move to kick as many voters off of our lists of voters--and these were immigrants identified off of old lists of people who got here thirty years ago. Voting is our right. We urge you to cherish what you have--and not become some little drone whose rights are taken away. It is sad that our state participated in this laughable effort.

Go vote!

 --Joseph Huerta

## Get Ready to Rally!

ADAPT-CC will be attending the End the Bias Rally in Austin, TX on March 21st. We demand that the Texas Legislature begin investing in Home and Community Based Services. The waitlists for programs that allow individuals with disabilities to receive services in their home can be decades long. Yet, there is no waitlist to enter a facility. Let's End the Bias!

**Want to know how to help?**

-First of all, VOTE! Voting for representatives that support Home and Community Based Services is the best way to effect policy change.

- Contact your representatives! A good way to get started is to text RESIST to 50409. This will connect you to a free service called RESISTBOT. You will get texts with information on who your elected officials are, and it will help you compose a letter and send it on your behalf. It doesn't get easier than that!

- Come to the Capitol with us! A charter bus will take our group to and from Austin on March 21st. Call 361-883-8461 by March 13th to register and get more details. Ask for Christie.

- Lastly, JOIN ADAPT! Whether you're new to civic engagement or if you're a seasoned advocate, you are invited! We are happy to link you to resources and get you started on the path the effective engagement and advocacy! <u>ADAPT meets at the CBCIL office located at 1537 Seventh Street on the Second Monday of each month at 2pm.</u>

# Go to the issues

**For more information on the issues in this edition of DNSU
click on the links below or paste into your browser for more information.**

**Voter Purge:**

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2019/02/28/judge-blocks-gop-effort-purge-voting-rolls-texas-saying-it-is-ham-handed-threatening/?utm_term=.9086f732d4d6

https://www.caller.com/story/news/local/texas/state-bureau/2019/02/07/texas-secretary-state-david-whitley-grilled-over-voter-purge-controversy-confirmation-hearing/2799739002/

**End the Bias:**

**http://www.texadvocates.org/end-the-institutional-bias-rally/**

https://spectrumlocalnews.com/tx/austin/politics/2019/02/20/advocates-seek-funding-for-disability-support-services?fbclid=IwAR3OFn5k2MrrdJx4cloS9noMwijuDTnVyFh8GZY-UAHwQcfbZT5jwuLO1_I

https://www.dallasnews.com/news/texas-legislature/2019/02/25/pain-profit-investigation-spurs-sweeping-bipartisan-fix-texas-medicaid-managed-care-mess