

DO NOT SHUT UP!

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Texas voter purge is latest effort to target minority voters

In a democracy, citizens vote; unless you are imprisoned and your rights are taken away, you get to call the shots! This is a nice aspect of living in our state--choosing who is elected and what they are entitled to do--giving power to certain people and their parties.

But what happens when the party in power tries to PURGE our votes? This is what happens when they try to punt real registered voters? Is that right? Is it proper? Our state recently took a ridiculous look at what happened and announced that 95,000 voters were registered who did not deserve that right.

There are THREE lawsuits against the Texas government for trying to eliminate real registered voters. This is what happened.

When you come to the US as an immigrant, you look forward to voting when you get your citizenship. Texas went and notified its counties of voters by their names that were not able to vote. They were to be cut off the list of registered voters. And presumably, they would get punished. But wait: that big long list of voters came from a list of voters who were recently admitted to our state. This list was old--ten or twenty years old. In other words--they were in the process of becoming citizens--they were called out for being an immigrant *in the past*. This was an effort to suppress real voters with real opinions from voting.

The American Civil Liberties Union, the Texas Civil Rights Project, and the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law have sued our state. Tens of thousands of voters have returned to the list of lawful voters, and many counties have come out and said they have NO ILLEGAL voters.

Studies have been done on illegal voting in twelve states. There were 30 illegal votes--or .0001 percent of the total. There was NOTHING to indicate that 95,000 voters were committing crimes in Texas.

You must follow these efforts to intimidate voters; they might not be fully covered in our news media. If you have Google on your computer, put in "Texas voter purge" and then hit the topic "news."

I hope that you have not gotten hit by this ridiculous effort.

--Joseph Huerta

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Having trouble voting?

If you are turned away from the polls because your citizenship, address or other information cannot be verified, you have the right to request a provisional ballot and receipt!

For more information on provisional ballots, click on the link below or paste in your browser.

<https://www.vote411.org/node/5345#.XGHCFVkiUk>

Still having issues? Call the Election Protection Hotline. At 1-866-OUR-VOTE (1-866-687-8683) This is the Help American Vote Act (HAVA) helpline. A Non-Partisan Volunteer will help resolve the issue so you may fulfill your right to Vote!

Need a Voter ID? The League of Women Voters is happy to help! You may contact them directly or call CBCIL at 361.883.8461 so that you can be connected to the liaison with LWV.

For more information on voting issues and the recent voter purge, click on the links below or paste into your browser for more information.

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2019/02/06/voting-rights-purge-rolls-texas-gov-abbott-donald-trump/2789929002/>

<https://www.chron.com/news/politics/texas/article/Texas-is-purging-95-000-voters-suspected-to-be-13562186.php>

If you would like to discuss these matters and get involved, come to an ADAPT meeting! ADAPT meets at the CBCIL office located at 1537 Seventh Street on the Second Monday of each month at 2pm. ADAPT is a national grass-roots community that organizes disability rights activists to engage in nonviolent direct action, including civil disobedience, to assure the civil and human rights of people with disabilities to live in freedom.

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