

E-Z Voter Checklist 2020



IDENTIFY YOUR GOALS

Voting is about choosing politicians who make laws that affect your daily life. Vote wisely by learning about the issues and matching them to your goals. Check three issues from the following list of common concerns or add your own goals.

Goals		Add your own
Access to healthcare	Job with health benefits	
Clean air and water	Safe schools	
College financial aid	Reducing debt	
Childcare	Hurricane and tornado assistance	

**Learn more about yourself by taking these free, online assessments:
[What's Your Type?](#) and [Can You Tell the Difference?](#)**



LEARN ABOUT VOTING ISSUES

Search for information about voting issues that relate to your goals from research-based, educational, non-partisan organizations, for example:

<u>Pew Research Organization</u>	<u>Vote Smart</u>
<u>Campus Election Engagement Project</u>	<u>Brookings Institution</u>
<u>Campus Vote Project</u>	<u>Middlebury Libraries Guide to Fact Checking Sites</u>



MATCH ISSUES TO GOALS

Based on the information you learned by using the links above, list 5-7 campaign positions of each candidate. Then compare these statements to your goals. Which candidate do you agree with the *most*? That's the one who should get your vote!

Your goals/issues	Candidate A	Candidate B	Check if you agree



MAKE DECISIONS

Candidates	Number of each candidate's statements you agree with (highest # gets your vote)	Main reason you support this candidate
Name of Candidate A		
Name of Candidate B		

Download the sample ballot [here](#). Based on the results above, mark the candidates you will vote for in the next election. Remember to vote for all positions listed up and down the ballot.



COMPLETE VOTING PLAN

Check each item as you complete it.

I'm already registered. I'm not sure if I'm registered. I'll register now.
 I need to update my registration because I have a new address. Go to [Vote411](#) for any of these.

I am eligible to vote by mail in my state and have requested an absentee ballot.

I am not eligible (or choose not to) vote by mail in my state, so I used my current address and looked up my polling location and precinct at [Nonprofit Vote](#).

My precinct number is _____. My polling location is _____.

I have reviewed my state information, voter identification requirements, and how to use the voting machines at [U.S. Vote Foundation](#).

Early voting in my state is from _____, mail-in ballots are due _____ and Election Day is November 3. I choose early voting OR mail-in, OR in person.

I will vote on this date _____. Polls in my state are open from _____ a.m. to _____ p.m.

I plan to vote in the _____ morning _____ afternoon _____ or evening.

I will drive to the polls myself. If I don't have the car I will ask for a ride from _____ or take public transportation.

I have signed up for election reminders from [Rock the Vote](#).

I texted three friends and posted a message on social media reminding everyone to register, complete the [E-Z Voter Checklist](#), and vote.

I learned about the candidates and their positions at [Vote Smart](#) and [League of Women Voters](#).

I downloaded and printed my sample ballot from [Ballotpedia](#) and checked the names of all the candidates for whom I will vote.

I have my sample ballot ready to take to my polling place. (Phones are not permitted to be used during voting so remember to take your sample ballot with you.)

I will call the Election Protection Hotline at [866-687-8683](#) if I have any problems voting.

VOTER TURNOUT IS EXPECTED TO BE HIGH. VOTE EARLY!

I'M READY!

I VOTED!



ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS

More at beavoter.info

Why bother to vote?	Where can I find my polling place?	What identification do I need to bring with me to the polls?
Does my vote really count?	What if I'm too busy to vote?	I attend college out of state. Can I still vote? Where?
How do I get reliable information about the candidates?	What if I don't like any of the candidates? Should I still vote?	I'll be out of town. How do I get an absentee ballot?



TAKE ACTION

Friends don't let friends miss out on voting!

Get the free National Voter Registration Day Toolkit to use in your school or community before September 22, 2020, National Voter Registration Day.	Tell friends to join you and get involved in National Voter Education Week October 5-9, 2020.	Celebrate Vote Early Day on October 24, 2020.	Check updated state policies for absentee ballots and mail-in voting during Covid-19 from Nonprofit Vote .
Watch the video Help America Vote and sign up to be a poll worker.	Read about the Andrew Goodman Foundation's namesake and carry on his legacy.	Check out the <i>Arrive with Five</i> project from Young People For and pledge to participate.	Learn more about the New Voters Project and sign up to get more information.



SIGN THE PLEDGE

I pledge to vote early or on November 3 for *all* offices listed up and down the ballot.

