The U.S. Presidential Election

With the 2020 U.S. presidential election fast approaching on Tuesday, November 3rd, we want to share with you resources about the election that highlight the work conducted by Yale faculty and students. Also included are links to a few sites that explain some of the basic concepts of our presidential electoral process, and a couple of links to non-Yale events that may be of interest. We hope these resources will assist in your understanding and engagement with this historic election.

This page will be updated throughout the month of October, so please check back for additional resources. If you have a resource or upcoming event you would like to highlight, please email our Assistant Director of Programs [1] to get it added.
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Yale Votes [2]

Rule of Law Clinic Publishes Guides to Protect Voters From Intimidation [3]

Yale Political Scientist Akhil Akmar - The Electoral College: How Presidents are Elected [4]

BBC News - A Simple Guide to the 2020 Election [5]

Wikipedia - Election Basics [6]

USA.GOV - How to Become President of the USA [7]

Yale Global Online Resources [8]

School House Rock - Electoral College [9] (classic resource)

Yale History Professor Beverly Gage - Podcast about 2020 Election [10]

Guidance Regarding Free Expression and Political Assembly for Students & How to Stay Safe & Health During a Protest or March [11]

Upcoming Yale Events

Recording: "Ballots and Borders: Election 2020 and What's at Stake for International Students and Scholars," [12] brought to you by the Office of Global Learning, Cornell Law School, and the Cornell Migrations Initiative

Recording: A Reading of "The Ballot and Me" by Langston Hughes: An Historical Sequence, 1956 [13]

[Nov. 5, 6 PM - Being Well at Yale: Student Engagement During Social Change Movements](#) [14]

[Nov. 5, 8 PM - A Slifka Online Salon - What Just Happened: A Post-Election Conversation With Emily Bazelon](#) [15]

[Nov. 12, 4-5:30 PM - Ideas of Power: The Politics of American Party Ideology Development](#) [16]

Upcoming Beyond the Ballot Events (RSVP details coming soon)
- Nov. 12, 6:30-8 PM - Where Do We Go From Here?

Predicting the Next President

Cowles Foundation for Research in Economics - [Predicting the Next President](#) [17]

Yale Economist Ray Fair - [Presidential Forecast Says Trump Faces Historic Defeat](#) [18]

Yale Law School Professor Bruce Ackerman - [What happens if there is no winner on election night?](#) [19]

The Electoral Divide

Yale Political Scientist Jacob Hacker

- [Probing America's Electoral Divide](#) [20]
- [GOP Party of the Rich](#) [21]

Yale Professor Alexander Coppock - [Biden Takes Satirical Path In Quest for Latino Votes](#) [22]

Yale History Professor Timothy Snyder - [The Ethical Meaning of a Vote for Donald Trump](#) [23]

Yale Law & History Professor Samuel Moyn - [What Might The Supreme Court Look Like In The Future?](#) [24]

Campaigning & The Election

[Scenes from Election Day 2020](#) [25]

[Anxious About Election Results? Here's What's Happening in Your Brain as You Wait](#) [26]

[How to Handle Election Anxiety, According to Mental Health Experts (including Yale's Laurie Santos)](#) [27]

[Counting Votes & What to Expect on Election Day](#) [28]

[Election Day & Post-Election Guide](#) [29]

Yale Political Scientist Alexander Coppock

- [Political Ads Have Little Persuasive Power](#) [30]
- [Do Political Lawn Signs Affect Election Outcome?](#) [31]

Yale Political Scientist Gregory Huber

- [Surge in mail-in voting, health concerns portend a messy Election Day](#) [32]

Yale Political Scientist Joshua Kalla

- [How Important is Door Knocking, Anyway?](#) [33]
- [Does Door Knocking Matter?](#) [34]
- [An Experiment in Wisconsin Changed Voters' Minds about Trump](#) [35]

Yale's Nicholas Christakis

- [Why ignoring your friends might be the key to election night trust](#) [36]

Yale SOM's Heidi Brooks

- [Can We Talk about Politics at Work?](#) [37]

Yale Law Professor Akhil Reed Ahmar

- [The Supreme Court Should Not Muck Around in State Election Laws](#) [38]

Yale Daily News Coverage

- [Students Take Gap Semesters to Work on Campaigns](#) [39]
- [Faculty Organize Community Voting Outreach](#) [40]
- [Voters Find Mistakes In Absentee Ballots Three Weeks Before Election](#) [41]
- [EVC, YCC and Yale Dems Mobilize Students in Advance of General Election](#) [42]
- [New Haven, Yale Groups Host Voter Registration Rally and Health Summit](#) [43]
- [Democratic party leaders hold GOTV rally](#) [44]
- [City polling sites information contradicts state authorities, generating voter confusion](#) [45]
- [Despite new policy, students face delays in election mail received at residential colleges](#) [46]
- [SURVEY: While some students struggled with their states' voting processes, most undergrads did not find voting to be difficult](#) [47]
- [Yale faculty predict results — or lack of them — for 2020 presidential election](#) [48]
- [From the White House to Hillhouse: How the election outcome may impact Yale](#) [49]
- [Black communities prepare for high-stakes election](#) [50]
- [Latinx community members urge New Haven to "vote against hate"](#) [51]
- [Civic education and engagement: New Haven organizations think 2020 and beyond](#) [52]
- [Despite hiccups, election day running much smoother than 2018, officials report](#) [53]
- [New Haveners hold demonstrations to demand 'all votes be counted'](#) [54]

[Yale votes: Students aim to make voting part of campus life](#) [55]

[MFIA and Protect Democracy Support AP's Election Transparency Project](#) [56]

Yale Historian Beverly Gage

- [Americans Are Afraid. Not for Themselves, but for the Country.](#) [57]

[Electoral Interference](#)

Yale Alum, Journalist, and Historian David Shimer - [U.S. Electoral Interference](#) [58]

Yale Insights - [Can We Protect Our Election from the Bots?](#) [59]

Climate Change & the Election

Yale Climate Connections - What Role Will Climate Change Play in the 2020 Presidential Election [60]

Yale Program on Climate Change

- Climate is Taking on a Growing Role for Voters [61]
- Why Republicans Still Don't Care About Climate Change [62]
- The 2020 Election May Hinge on the Climate Change Vote [63]

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Links

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