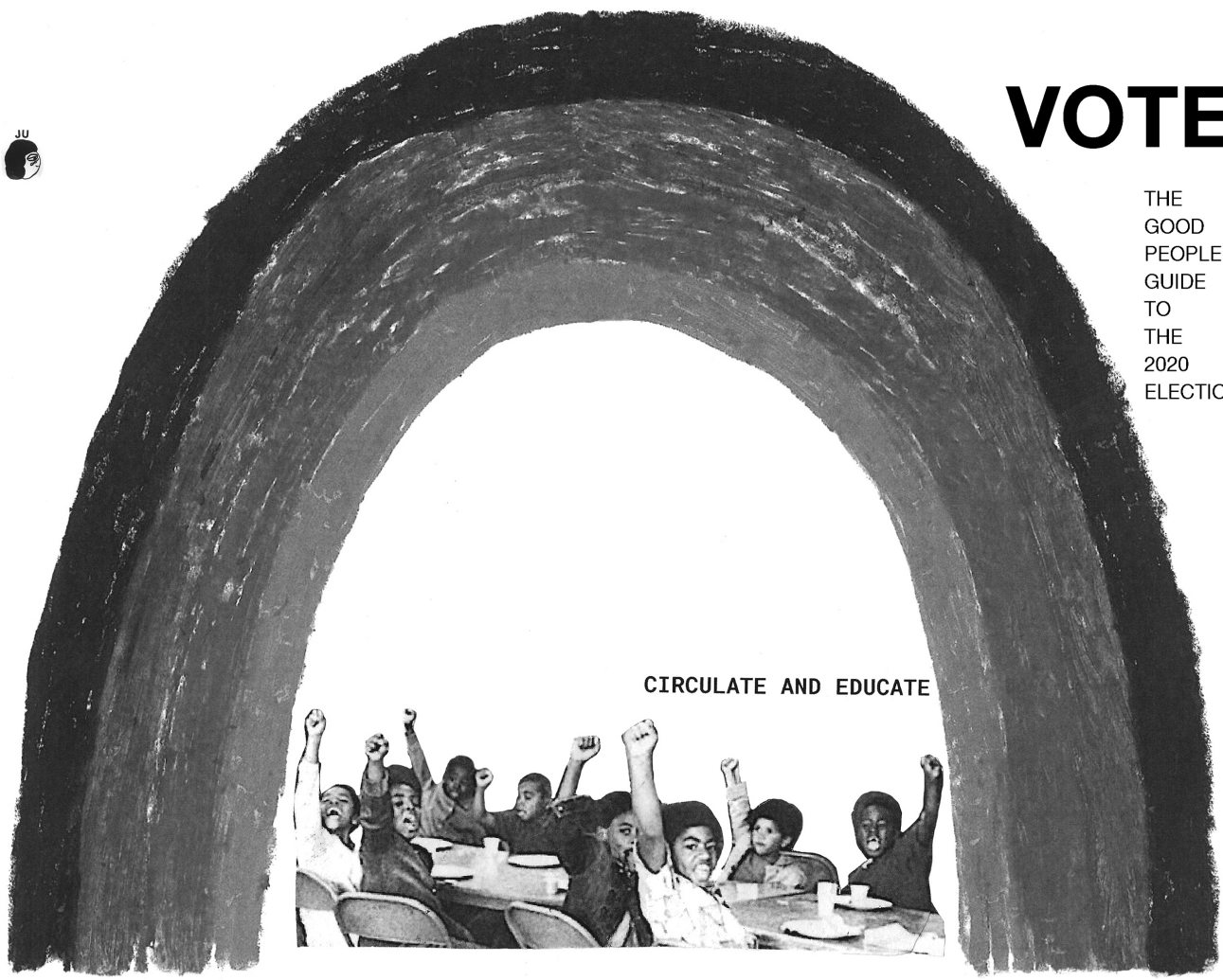


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THE
2020
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CIRCULATE AND EDUCATE



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In the upcoming 2020 United States elections the most basic and essential human rights are at stake.

This is a collection of information designed to help navigate and better understand which candidates support the most basic human rights in the 2020 election.

As candidates seek our vote we must educate ourselves on what to look for in those who will implement laws and act on protecting and defending us all from systematic abuses. Amid false attacks and baseless claims by political leaders that voting by mail is plagued by fraud, WE MUST VOTE EARLY!

An alternative to mail in voting is to hand deliver your mail-in ballot to the local Board of Elections where you live. If your absentee or mail-in-ballot has not arrived by early October please call and continue to call your local elections office until it does. When you receive it, complete it, and if allowed and feel comfortable enough with coronavirus you may bring it to the elections office directly and with a mask and full caution ballots can be handed to the elections clerk.

Please note:

- Most states have early voting allowing registered voters vote on specified dates before Election Day. You don't need an excuse to vote early.
- Many voters with disabilities rely on in-person voting at accessible polling places.
- Voters with language barriers often depend on the help of interpreters at the polls.
- If you need to vote in person, please check your polling place close to Election Day and check with local election officials to learn if your needs will be met at your polling station.
- *These may include different locations, layouts, procedures, and availability of translators.

CHANGES TO POLLING PLACES ARE POSSIBLE DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS AND NEW POLICIES BEING SET INTO PLACE TO UNDERMINE THE ELECTION. PLEASE CHECK CONTINUOUSLY FOR CHANGES AT VOTE411.ORG



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Grassroots organizations who support transforming politics, justice and policies in the United States America:

Grassroots Law Project
GrassrootsLaw.org

American Disability Act
www.ADA.gov
800-514-0301 (Voice) 800-514-0383 (TTY)

Black Lives Matter
BlackLivesMatter.com

ACLU
aclu.org

Until Freedom
untilfreedom.com

Human Rights Watch
hrw.org

The National Education Association
educatingthroughaction.org/take-action

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If you do not have access to the internet please call The United States Election Assistance Commission Toll-free at: (866) 747-1471

Electoral Information can also be found at Public Libraries, the United States Post Office, and the Department of Motor Vehicles.

For more information on registering to vote, verifying you are currently registered, and/or to follow the ongoing and changing laws that are being implemented state-by-state, please visit VOTE411.ORG and VOTE411.ORG/CORONAVIRUS

* Please check 411.ORG continuously for changes as their information is updated regularly.

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RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Candidates should support a congressional commission that will set new systems in place for slavery reparations, acts of murder, torture, and rape. This violence has continued long after abolition and has gouged the legal/criminal justice systems and health and housing policies where Black, Latinx, Muslims, Ethnic political activists, religious minorities, asylum seekers and refugees face biased treatment every day and disproportionate surveillance /facial recognition that falsely identifies many.

- Support ending qualified immunity and laws that hold police accountable criminally and civilly?
- Do they support racial barriers in regards to affordable housing, adequate health care, and equal protection of the law?
- Will they create a commission to study how to account for and provide reparations for slavery and it's impact?
- Will they fight to ban no-knock warrants, prohibiting the use of chokeholds, and pro the creation of a national registry to track police misconduct?
- Do they support Criminal Justice Reform?



INEQUALITY AND POVERTY

Candidates must urge companies from preying on the poor, support stronger regulations of predatory lending that offers triple-digit interest rates and high interest loans resulting in low-income people who borrow into debt traps that lead to greater poverty.

- Do they support reforms protecting the right of everyone to just and fair work conditions and wages allowing those to support their families?
- Will they roll back programs that support individuals' housing needs well as basic health and nutrition?
- Will they provide universal access to healthcare that is equivalent to acceptable?
- Will they protect the vulnerable from predatory lenders and debt collectors?
- Will they work to identify and address implicit bias in healthcare thus improving patient provider interactions, health communication, and health outcomes?



CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM

Candidates should support the decriminalization of drug use /possession and end excessive and cruel sentences.

- Will they work to decriminalize drug possession and use?
- Do they support greater access to evidence-based treatment for substance abuse?
- Will they work to end excessive sentencing?
- Will they restore the right to vote to millions of formerly incarcerated Americans?
- Will they hold law enforcement agencies accountable for excessive use of force and unlawful police killings and what is their plan to see this through?

WOMEN'S RIGHTS

Candidates need to be making efforts targeting those marginalized by the current healthcare system, back efforts ensuring women get the health care they need and oppose measures limiting access to contraception and abortion. It is imperative they preserve progress, end violence against women, push for modern policies within the workforce including paid family leave, caring for aging loved ones, working to end the gender wage gap, and updating laws protecting pregnant women.

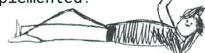
- Will they take on legislative efforts to address racial disparities in women's health outcomes, including the Jeannette Acosta Invest in Women's Health Act?
- What is their position on newer regulations limiting women's access to contraception, blocking federally funded health providers from giving them information, and allowing medical providers to discriminate against them?
- What measures do they see being taken to protect access to abortion information and services?
- Paid family leave? How will this be implemented?



TOXIC POLLUTION AND CLIMATE CRISIS

Deregulation of health and environmental protections from mining pollution is posing a danger to poorer communities. The independence of federally funded scientific research should be respected as well as evidence-based regulations set in place to mitigate risks of climate change and toxic pollution.

- How will they improve the United States response to extreme weather events within low-income and marginalized communities?
- Will they enforce and create pesticide policies that protect pregnant women, children, and groups at greater risk of exposure complications?
- Are they ensuring compliance with standards that are relevant under the Food Quality Protection Act by demonstrating that there is a reasonable certainty a pesticide will not cause harm before approving or renewing its use?
- Will they commit to respect the independence of federally funded science research and implement evidence-based regulations that alleviate the risks of pollution, toxic exposures and climate change?
- Will they make sure that companies responsible for coal-related pollution take on the cost responsibility of clean-up?



NATIONAL SECURITY

The United States government has invoked national security as grounds for human rights violations. Candidates should commit to true accountability for government-sanctioned torture, declassifying the Senate Intelligence Committee's report on torture programs, shutting the Guantanamo prison and allowing due process for the detainees who remain there, increasing transparency regarding lethal force abroad by intelligence agencies and ensuring that civilians unlawfully harmed by United States forces receive an immediate and appropriate remedy that all United States personnel being implicated in war crimes and are fully and fairly prosecuted.

- Will transparency be increased around the use of force by the US with the aim of reducing civilian casualties, abiding by the laws of war, including impartial investigations and prosecutions of personnel implicated in war crimes, and providing compensation to civilians unlawfully harmed by United State forces?
- Will they permanently close the detention center at Guantanamo Bay and end unspecified detention without charge or trial?
- Will they commit to declassifying and releasing the 2014 Senate Intelligence Committee report on the use of torture and amplified interrogation methods by the CIA following 9/11?

FOREIGN POLICY

Candidates must commit to applying public and private measures that will pressure autocratic governments to uphold the rights of expression, privacy, sexual and reproductive health rights of LGBT people, freedom of religion, rights of refugees and asylum seekers, and justice for grave international crimes. They must agree to upholding human rights obligations and adopting a principled and humanitarian approach.

- Is it their priority to make the protection and promotion of human rights central to United States foreign policy?
- Are they ensuring US policy demonstrates commitment to protection and resettlement for refugees?
- Do they support a permanent repeal of the "Global Gag rule" and ensure that United States aid does not undermine comprehensive health care for anyone, in particular women, girls, and gender non-conforming people around the world?
- Will they commit to rejoining the United Nations Human Rights Council?

LGBTQA RIGHTS

Candidates should support efforts promoting equality, improving access to health care, addressing violence against transgender people, particularly trans people of color, oppose laws and policies that encourage discrimination.

- Will they support the Equality Act, which would ban discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity?
- Will they address the transgender military ban?
- Will they address violence against transgender people in the United States?
- What is their position on religious exemptions that allow employers, landlords, service providers, and business owners to refuse service to LGBT people based on moral or religious convictions?

PRIVACY, DIGITAL RIGHTS, DATA PROTECTION

The United States government wields massive surveillance powers therefore Candidates must oppose disproportionately harming people of color by way of facial recognition the rhetoric that stokes xenophobia. Congress has adopted zero comprehensive protections within data laws, making for barely regulated technologies that are affecting everyone.

- What is their plan to create stronger data protection rules for companies and for the government as well?
- Will they end surveillance programs that are without warrant?
- Do they support safeguards limiting the use of facial recognition software and emerging technologies that could harm human rights?

IMMIGRATION

Candidates must oppose this current strategy toward migrants that lead to family separations and horrific detention conditions for adults and children. They must support a dismantling of US refugee systems, limit excessive surveillance and data collection and reform the immigration system that is resulting in continuing abuses under the previous United States administration.

- Does this candidate oppose requests for additional immigration funds without fundamental policy reform?
- What steps will they take to protect refugees and asylum seekers and ending 287(g) and similar programs that force local law workers to take on the role of immigration enforcement?
- Will they end the "Migrant Protection Protocols," a program that is exposing tens of thousands of asylum seekers to danger in Mexico and injustice in US immigration courts?
- Will they ensure all immigrants facing deportation get a fair hearing before a judge?
- Will they immediately end private detention, add a 100 day moratorium on deportations including full scale ICE audits?