

**As Long As We Have The Vote,  
We Have Hope**

**PA Red Wine & Blue  
Monday, April 20th at 7pm**

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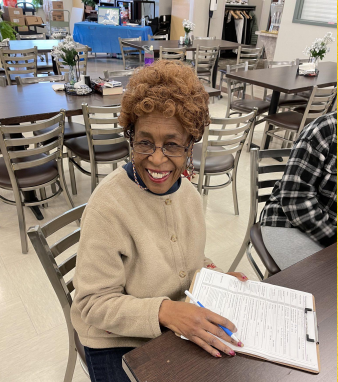
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# NPP's Mission

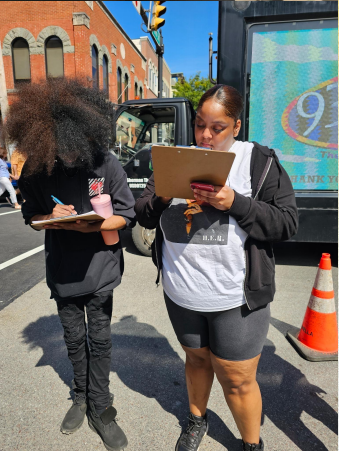
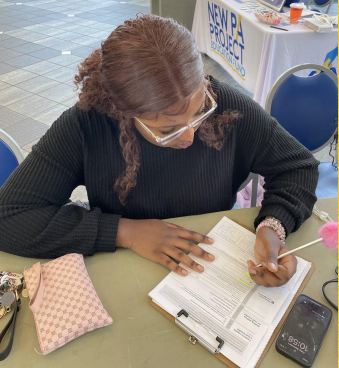
The New Pennsylvania Project (NPP) is a voting rights organization with a year-round primary focus on voter registration, civic education and mobilization. NPP centers historically disenfranchised and often neglected Black, Indigenous and other people of color, those who are justice impacted, immigrant communities and the youth in our work. Through civic engagement, we ensure all eligible voters feel compelled to exercise their freedom to vote in the Commonwealth.

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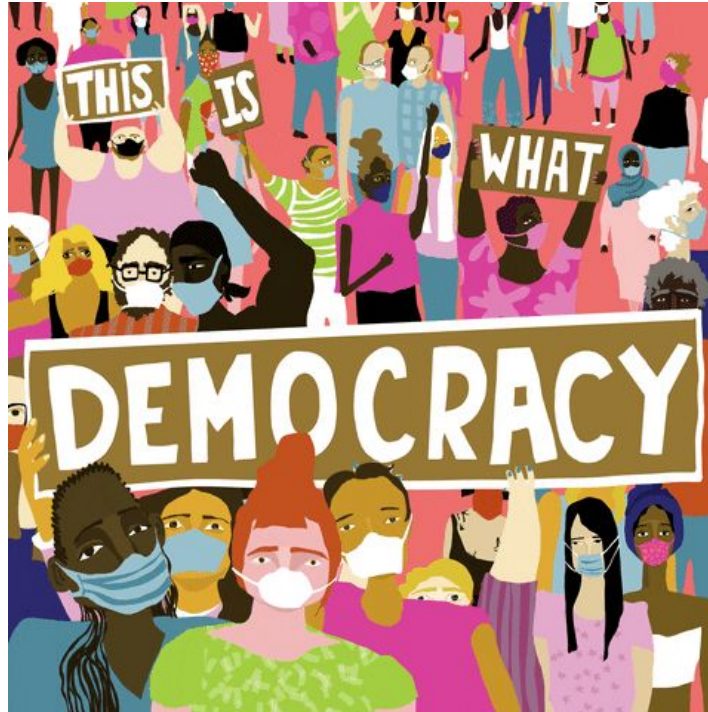
# NPPEF's Mission

The New PA Project Education Fund (NPPEF) is a non-partisan organization led by community leaders across the Commonwealth dedicated to centering underrepresented and underserved communities to embrace their power. NPPEF ensures full participation in the democratic process through civic education and year-round engagement by centering Black, Indigenous, and other people of color, the justice impacted, immigrant communities and the youth, with intention, as they are the least represented and most impacted by decisions our government is making.

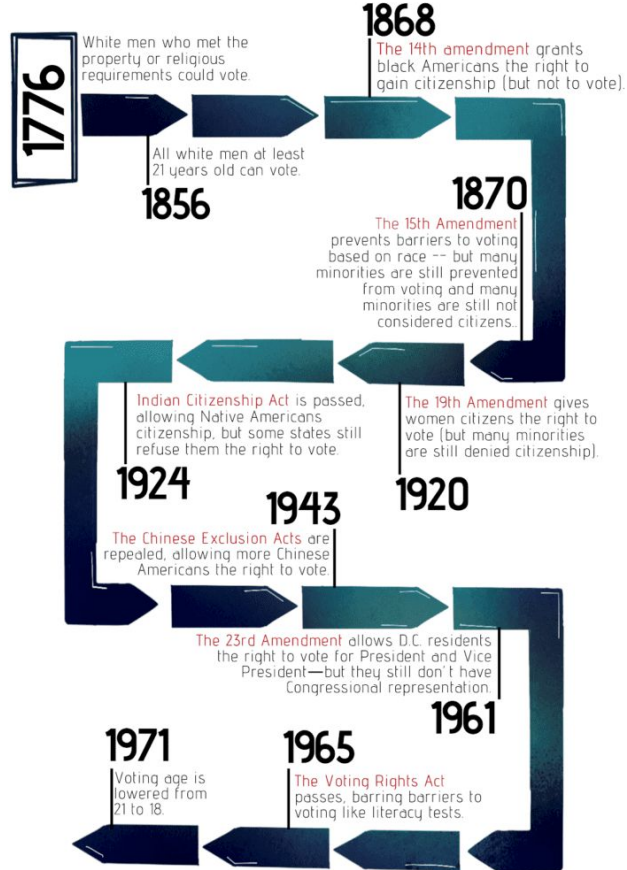


# Why Elections Matter

Our Lives Are Political - Politics Are Into You!



# Brief History of Voting Rights (1776-1971)



# Recent History of Voting Rights 1975-Present



# Attempts to Suppress the Vote

Mother Jones

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POLITICS JANUARY 3, 2019

## The 200-Year History of Using Voter Fraud Fears to Block Access to the Ballot

*It didn't start with Donald Trump.*



**PEMA LEVY**  
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**1836:** Pennsylvania passed its first voter registration law. The law applied only to Philadelphia, where it required assessors to go door-to-door to compile a list of eligible voters. To cast a ballot, a voter had to be on the list. “Although the proclaimed goal of the law was to reduce fraud, opponents insisted that its real intent was to reduce the participation of the poor—who were frequently not home when the assessors came by and did not have ‘big brass’ nameplates on their doors,” Keyssar writes.

**1866-1867:** New Jersey Republicans erected a series of hurdles under the pretense of fighting fraud. Everyone who wished to cast a ballot had to register in person the Thursday before each general election; anyone could challenge the credentials of a would-be registrant; and anyone not on the list on Election Day could not vote. Democrats protested that the laws discriminated against the poor, who couldn't take time off work to register. These registration laws varied in the ensuing decades, with Democrats repealing them when in power and Republicans reinstating them upon taking control. Republicans also passed laws to close the polls at sunset, based on the assumption that illegal votes would be cast after dark. Democrats countered that these “sunset laws” blocked workers from voting.



## Pennsylvania Republican Wants Democrats On State Supreme Court Impeached Over Gerrymandering Decision

It's the latest in state GOP attacks on the court's integrity.

By Sam Levine  
February 6, 2018 at 11:44 AM · 4 min read

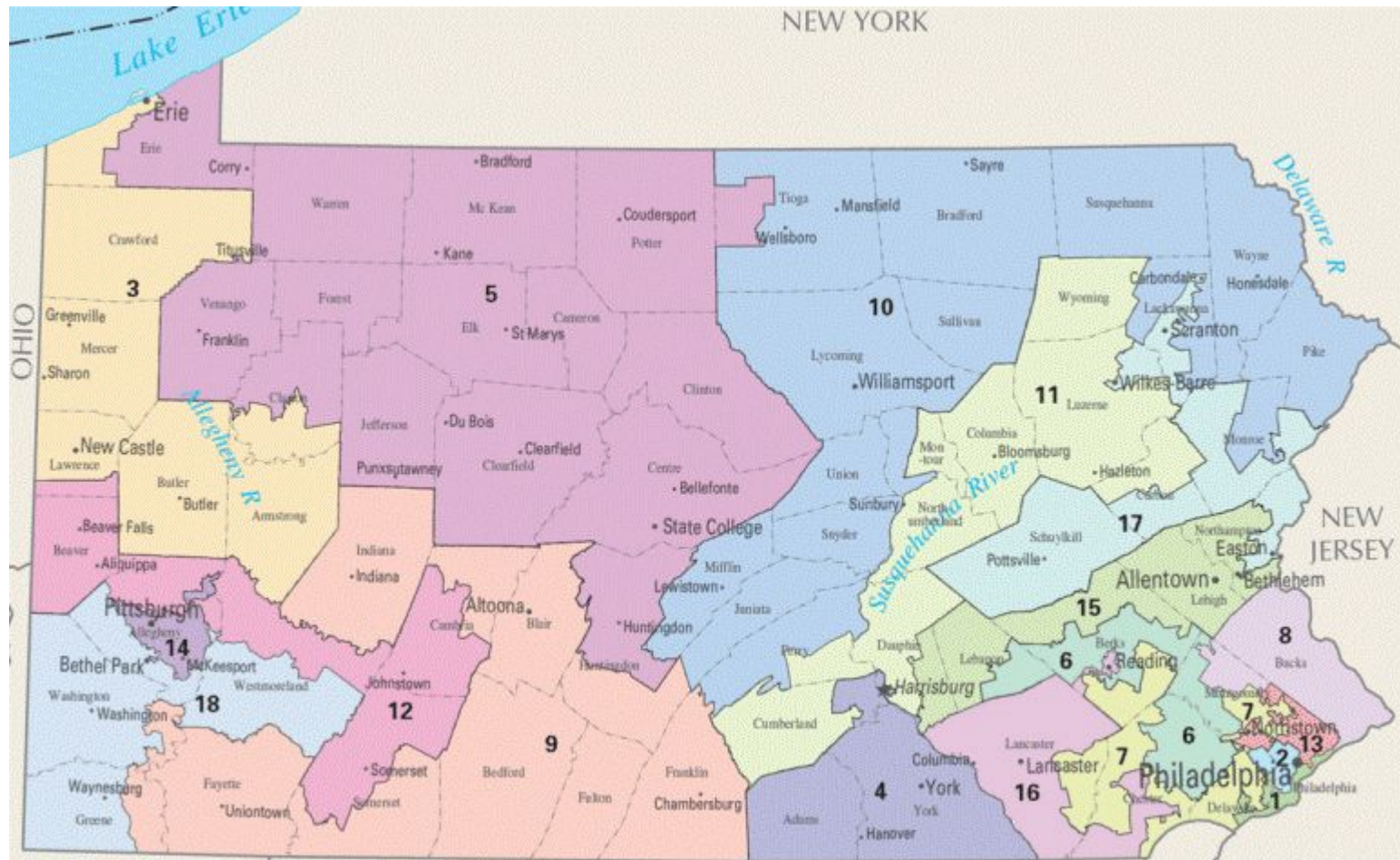


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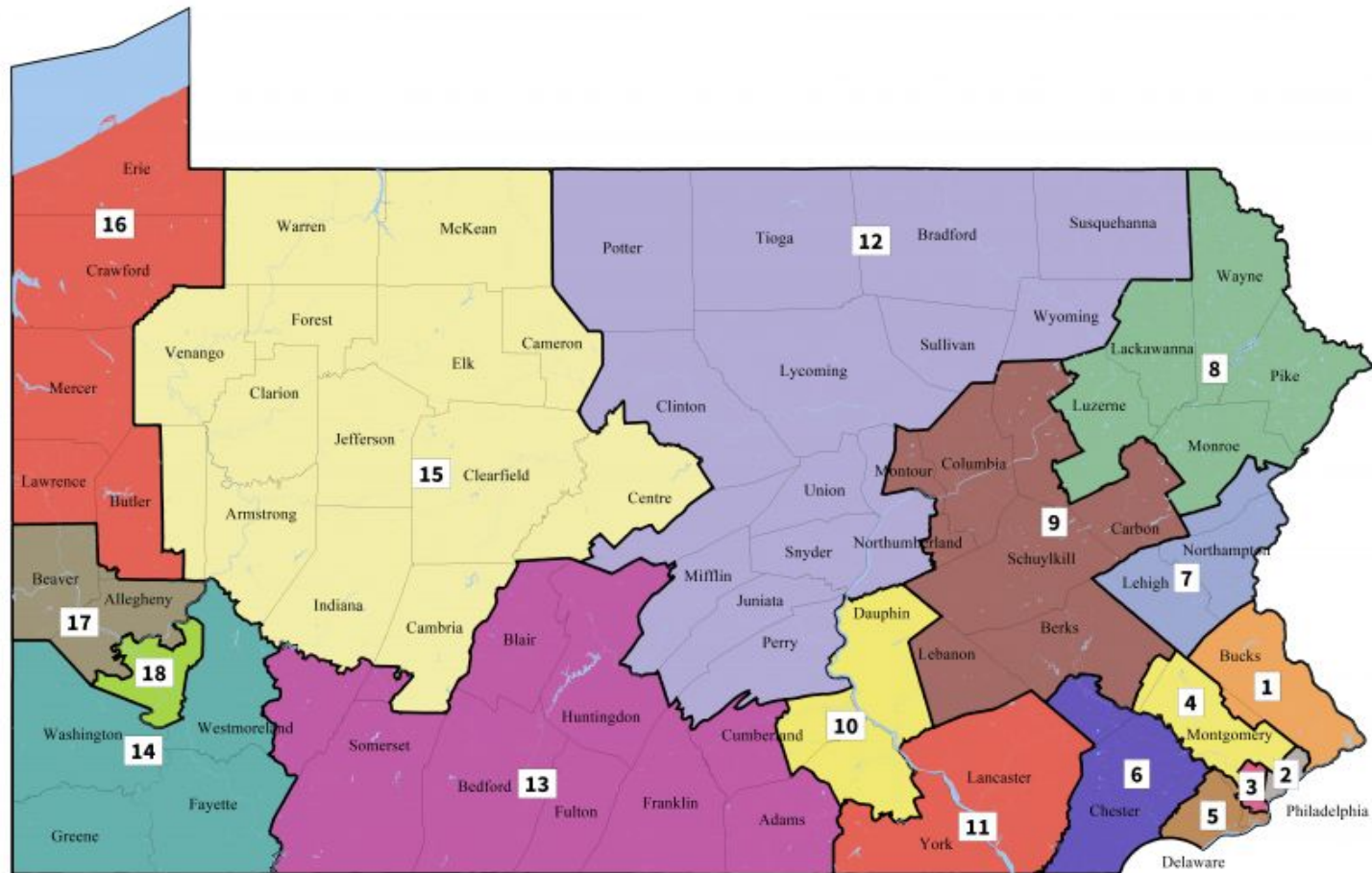


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The Supreme Court gave lawmakers and Gov. Tom Wolf (D) until Feb. 15 to agree on a map and has appointed a special master to draw one up if the two parties can't reach an agreement. [In a memo](#) to all members of the Pennsylvania House, Rep. Cris Dush (R) accused the five Democrats on the court of engaging in misbehavior for ordering the new maps and subverting the process, outlined in the constitution, by which a bill can become a law. Dush asked his fellow lawmakers to sponsor legislation to impeach the five Democratic justices and bar them from holding any office in Pennsylvania.



Districts of 113<sup>th</sup> Congress  
<http://nationalatlas.gov>



# What is Gerrymandering?

ger·ry·man·der

/'jerē,mandər/

*verb*

gerund or present participle: **gerrymandering**

1. manipulate the boundaries of (an electoral constituency) so as to favor one party or class.
  - achieve (a result) by manipulating the boundaries of an electoral constituency.

"a total freedom to gerrymander the results they want"

# Gerrymandering

**Two principal tactics** are used in gerrymandering: "cracking" (i.e. diluting the voting power of the opposing party's supporters across many districts) and "packing" (concentrating the opposing party's voting power in one district to reduce their voting power in other districts).



# **PROTECT OUR COURTS!**

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**PRESERVE THE  
INDEPENDENCE OF  
OUR JUDICIARY:  
SAY "NO" TO HB38**



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### Late Edition

Today: early rain, some snow; ice in land, clearing later, high 47. Tonight, partly cloudy; colder, low 23. Tomorrow, mostly sunny; cold, high 32. Weather map appears on Page B10.



A group of students from the University of Texas at Austin, where snow rarely falls, helped push a car off the road on Monday.

## Winter's Icy Grip Wreaks Havoc Across the U.S.

This article is by David Montgomery, Campbell Robertson, Clifford Kraus and Marie Perle.

**AUSTIN, Texas** — A massive winter storm bulldozed its way across the southern and central United States on Monday, leaving millions of people without power and freezing temperatures sending vehicles cranking into one another on ice-glazed highways and trapping blizzard-like conditions in places where snowfall is usually the news from elsewhere.

The storm was notable for its enormous reach — 150 million people were under storm warnings — and for a particularly perilous element it brought northward: ice. It left a treacherous

### Southern States Are Hit Hard by Slick Roads and Power Losses

ous vanish on roads across a midsection of the country, including places where driving on ice is a rarity.

It was as confusing as a storm as it was punishing. Snow blanketed Gulf of Mexico beaches and people went ice sliding on the roads of southern Louisiana. Alabama was warned of brutal ice storms in some places and of possible tornado outbreaks in others. Temperatures were lower in

eastern states: ice hit a treacherous

"It's snowing in Houston and it's going to be raining in Pennsylvania," said Charles Ross, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in State College, Pa. "When does that ever happen?"

The state of Texas woke up on Monday to the worst winter onslaught in decades. The state was blanketed by one of its largest snowfalls on record and grappling with hundreds of thousands of power outages, flight cancellations and urgent warnings from government leaders and emergency supervisors to stay put and reduce electric consumption. The 4 degrees recorded in Austin was the lowest in 32 years, forecasters said, and the 3.4 inches of snow

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## Lonely Quest To Repudiate Trump Wing

By REED J. PETERSON

WASHINGTON — As the Republican Party enters congress and seeks to purge leaders who aren't in lock step with Donald Trump, Adam Kinzinger, the six-term Illinois congressman, stands as enemy No. 1 — unreluctant not just as a party but also in his own family, some of whom recently disowned him.

Two days after Mr. Kinzinger called for removing Mr. Trump from office following the Jan. 6 riot at the Capitol, 11 members of his family sent him a handwritten two-page letter, saying he was in cahoots with "the devil's army" for making a public break with the president.

"Oh my, what a disappointment you are to us and to God!" they wrote. "You have embarrassed the Kinzinger family name!"

The author of the letter was Karen Otto, Mr. Kinzinger's cousin, who said it to send it by certified mail to Mr. Kinzinger's father — to make sure the congressman would see it, which he did. She also sent copies to Republicans across the country, including other members of the state's congressional delegation.

"I wanted Adam to be shunned," she said in an interview.

A 42-year-old Air National Guard pilot who represents a crescent-shaped district along the Chicago shoreline, Mr. Kinzinger is at the forefront of the effort to navigate post-Trump politics. He is betting his political career, professional relationships and kinship with a wing of his sprawling family that his party's future lies in disowning Mr. Trump and an conspiracy theories the former

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## Pushing to Tilt State's Courts To the G.O.P.

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By NICK CORASANTI

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## INFLATION FEARS FALL BY WAYSIDE IN THE BIDEN ERA

### A WORRY SINCE THE '70s

By JIM TAKERSLEY and JEANNA SMILEK

WASHINGTON — Presidents who find themselves slipping out of recessions have long heeded the warnings of inflation-obsessed economists, who fear that acting aggressively to stimulate a struggling economy will bring a return of the mammoth price increases that plagued the nation in the 1970s.

But President Biden presses ahead with plans for a \$1.9 trillion stimulus package, and his top economic advisers are brushing those warnings aside, as is the Federal Reserve under Chair Jerome H. Powell.

After years of dire inflation predictions that failed to pan out, the people who ran fiscal and monetary policy in Washington have decided the risk of "overheating" the economy is much lower than the risk of failing to heat it up enough.

Democrats in the House plan to speed that stimulating bid by injecting the economy nearly \$2 trillion into the economy, including direct checks to Americans and more generous unemployment benefits, with the goal of holding a floor vote as early as next week.

The Senate is expected to quickly take up the proposal as soon as it clears the House, in the hopes of sending a final bill to Mr. Biden's desk early next month. Fed officials have signaled that they plan to keep holding rates near zero and buying government-backed debt at a break clip to stoke growth.

The Fed and the administration are staying the course despite a marshaling grass-roots opposition, holding regular town hall events on Zoom and planning social media campaigns and call-in days to legislators, as well as an enormous voter education campaign.

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Harlem Salutes It: 'Treuborn Queen' A line formed before dawn to honor Clesly Tyson, the pioneering actress and paragon for civil rights who died last month. Page A15.

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"It is not our role to lend legitimacy to such transparent and ultimately efforts to subvert the will of Pennsylvania voters," wrote Justice Wecht, a Democrat who was elected to a 10-year term on the bench in 2016. "Courts should not decide elections when the will of the voters is clear."

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Democrats are now mobilizing to fight the effort, calling it a thinly veiled attempt to create a new level of gerrymandering — an escalation of the decades-old practice of drawing congressional and state legislative districts to ensure that political power remains in one party's hands. Democrats are marshaling grass-roots opposition, holding regular town hall events on Zoom and planning social media campaigns and call-in days to legislators, as well as an



Capt. Paris Davis, center, showing his camp in South Vietnam to Gen. William Westmoreland, left.

**WCM** Why Courts Matter Pennsylvania

**She voted for FDR in 1940,  
and voted *nearly every year* since**

**But a 2012 voter ID law almost changed that**

VOTER ID  
DOES NOT  
STOP FRAUD

**Say NO to  
"Voter ID"  
schemes**

**Meet Ms. Viviette Applewhite,  
who in her 90s sought to keep her  
voting rights through the courts**



MICHAEL BRYANT / Phila Inquirer



**In 2012, PA passed a new law:  
State-issued photo ID was  
*required* to vote**

**But Ms. Applewhite, like many  
others in her community, *didn't*  
have one**

**Her ID and documents had been lost.  
Getting replacements was very difficult**



ARCHIVE

## Pennsylvania Passes Restrictive Voter ID Bill

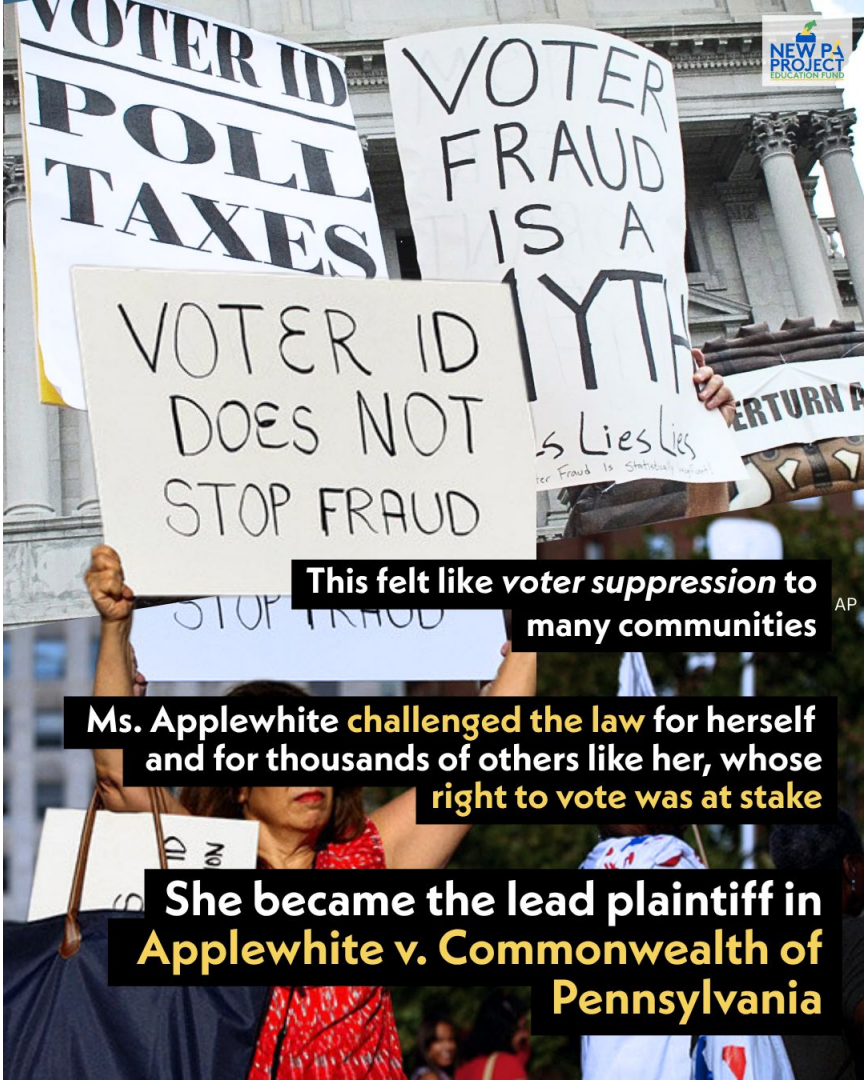
Pennsylvania's Senate, in a 26–23 vote, passed a restrictive voter ID bill, one of the first such laws to pass in 2012.

March 8, 2012

NEWS

**For many Americans, obtaining a birth certificate  
proves challenging**

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This felt like *voter suppression* to many communities AP

Ms. Applewhite **challenged the law** for herself and for thousands of others like her, whose **right to vote was at stake**

She became the lead plaintiff in **Applewhite v. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania**

# Your vote *matters*

Honor Ms. Viviette Applewhite's legacy

- ✓ Make a **plan to vote**
- ✓ Learn about your **state's laws**
- ✓ **Share this story**



Ms. Applewhite on her 100th birthday

**CALL YOUR LEGISLATORS NOW**



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**The SAVE Act Would  
Disenfranchise Millions of  
Citizens**

The SAVE Act is the Wrong Solution for a Non-Problem

**SAY NO TO THE  
SAVE ACT**

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## **CALL SCRIPT**

**YOU:** Hello, my name is \_[NAME]\_ and I  
was **calling to ask** \_[U.S. Sen/Rep name]\_  
to oppose and **vote NO** on:

- The "Safeguard American Voter Eligibility" (SAVE) Act
- The "SAVE America Act"
- The "Make American Elections Great Again" Act

And any other SAVE-like bills, as **these bills  
would create sweeping new barriers to  
voter registration for eligible American  
citizens.**

# Attacks on the PA State Courts Judicial Fairness

## Impeachment (2018)



## Judicial Gerrymandering (2019-2021)



## Anti-Retention Campaign (Dec. 31, 2024)



# 2026 Pennsylvania Toplines



Total Population

**13,059,432**

(2025 ACS) -19,319 since 2024 ACS



Registered Voters (AV VAN)

**8,750,591**

(Q1 2026) +87,321 since Q1 2025



Voter Registration Gap

**1,651,211**

at a minimum +110,954 since Q1 2025



# Deepening Democracy

- Expanding the electorate
- Overcoming objections
  - I'm not into politics
  - My vote doesn't court
  - I vote but nothing is changing
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# 2026 PA Voter Registration Gap Data

Unregistered Data Source:  
AV Voter File and U.S. Census (CVAP)

# Pennsylvania Toplines

Group	Current Gap	2025 Gap	Difference	Registration Rate	Registration Gap
AAPI	126,997	105,427	+21,570	58.8%	41.2%
Black	279,045	262,745	+16,300	74.1%	25.9%
Latino	261,093	238,296	+22,797	58.0%	42.0%
White	944,770	895,291	+49,479	88.0%	12.0%
Other/Unknown	39,306	38,498	+808	36.1%	63.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,651,211</b>	<b>1,540,257</b>	<b>+110,954</b>	<b>83.4%</b>	<b>16.6%</b>

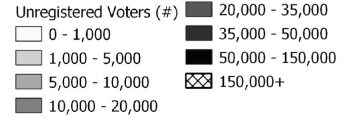
These numbers represent a **minimum**. Even more are inactive voters, have moved and need to reregister, or have turned 18.



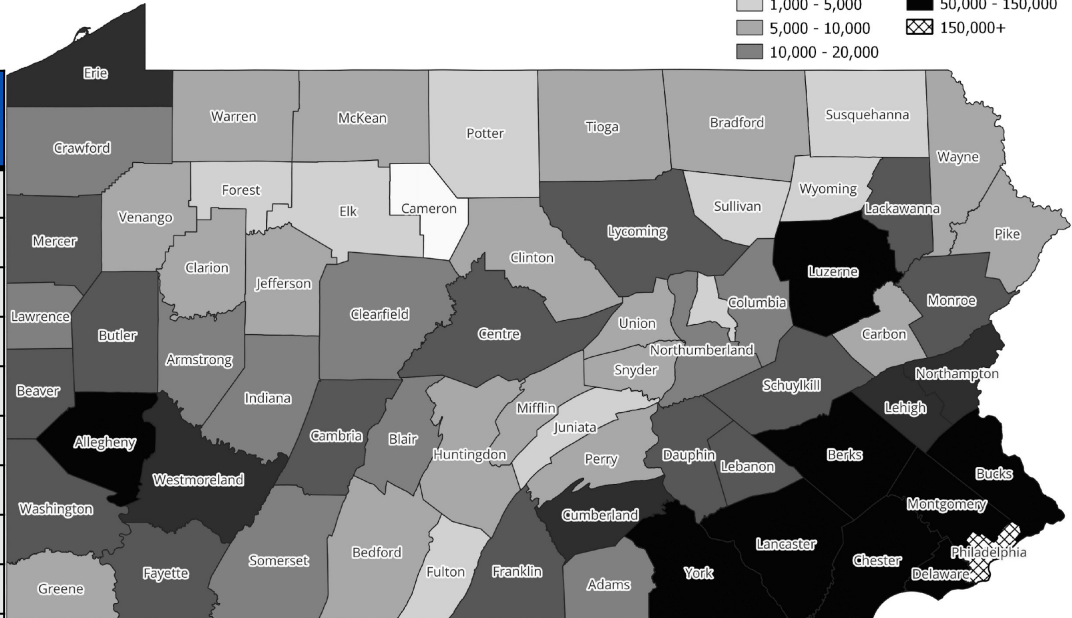
**43% of the Voter Registration gap is among BIPOC.**

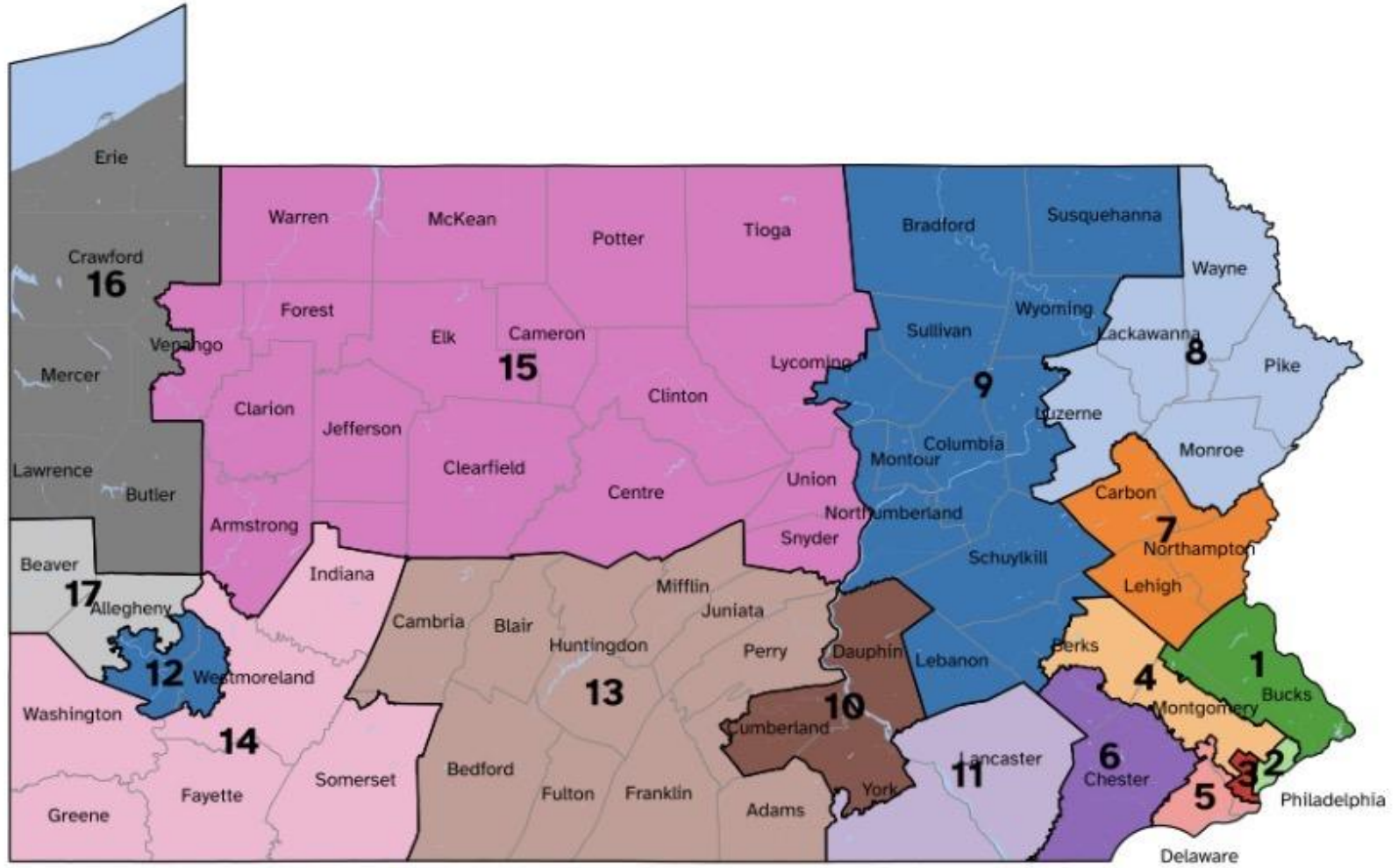
# County Analysis

## Total Unregistered Voters



County	Unregistered Voters
PHILADELPHIA	163,378
ALLEGHENY	121,070
LANCASTER	81,872
MONTGOMERY	73,944
BERKS	65,656
LUZERNE	54,123
DELAWARE	53,158
BUCKS	52,799
YORK	52,466
CHESTER	52,042



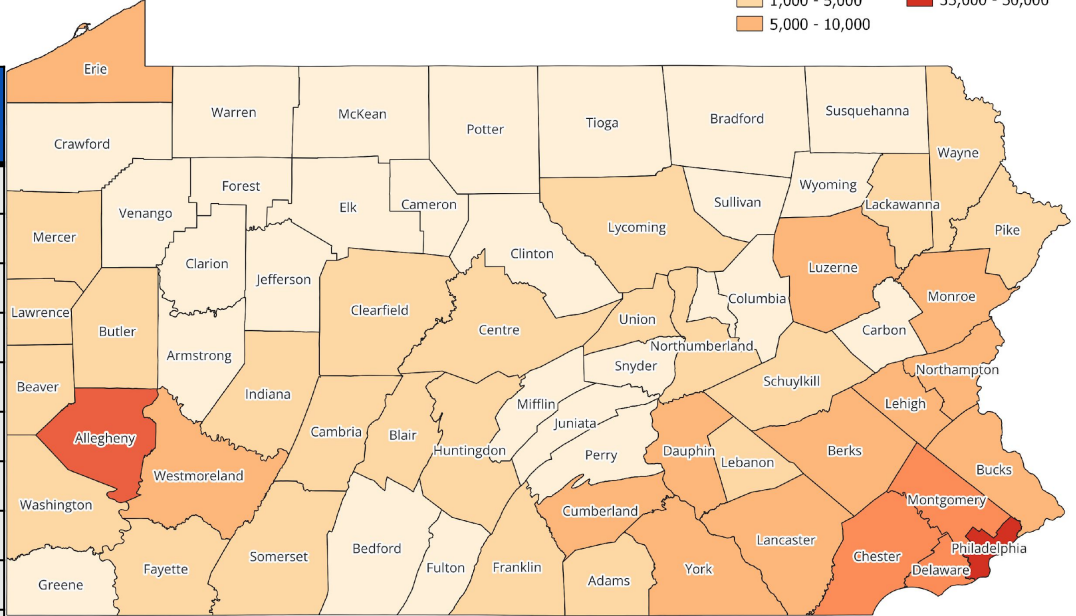


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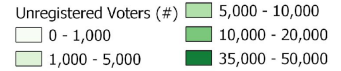


County	Unreg. Black Voters
PHILADELPHIA	47,718
ALLEGHENY	33,887
MONTGOMERY	19,620
DELAWARE	18,221
CHESTER	11,330
BUCKS	9,661
YORK	9,355
BERKS	7,974
LANCASTER	7,879
ERIE	7,792

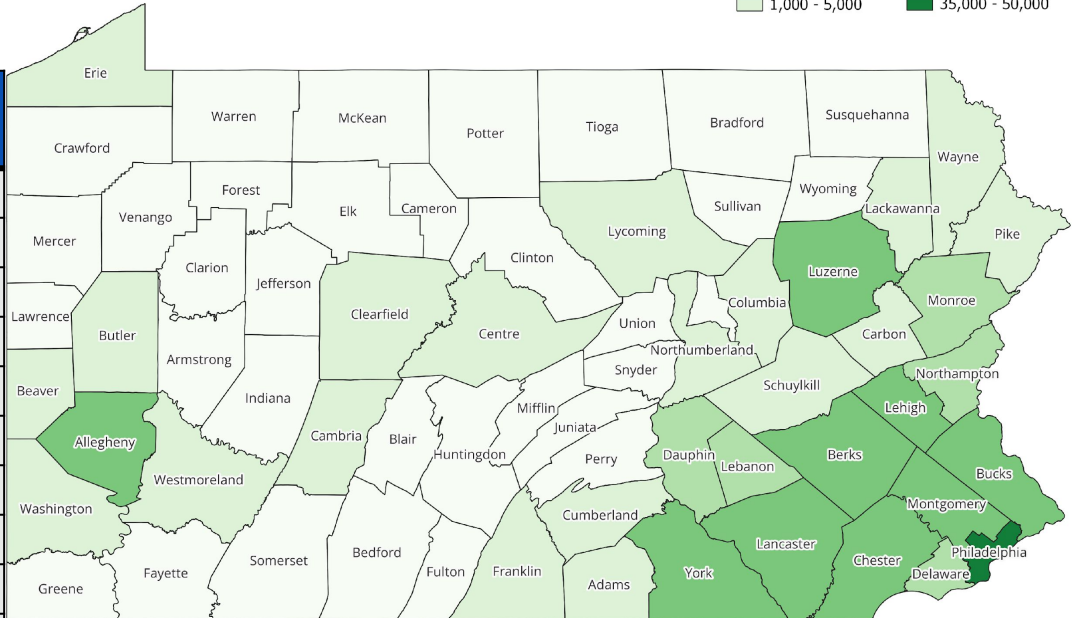


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## Latino Unregistered Voters

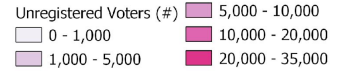


County	Unreg. Latino Voters
PHILADELPHIA	39,665
BERKS	19,097
MONTGOMERY	15,454
LEHIGH	14,718
ALLEGHENY	14,181
LANCASTER	13,914
CHESTER	13,471
BUCKS	11,975
YORK	11,462
LUZERNE	10,098

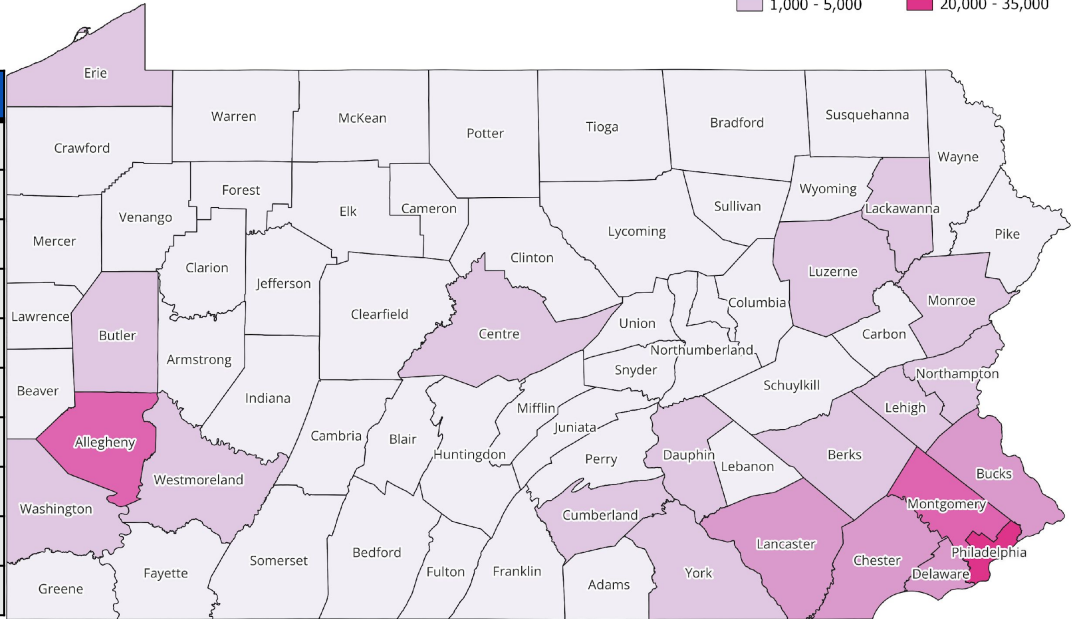


# County Analysis

## AAPI Unregistered Voters



County	Unreg. AAPI Voters
PHILADELPHIA	30,419
MONTGOMERY	13,116
ALLEGHENY	10,072
DELAWARE	8,935
BUCKS	6,967
LANCASTER	5,311
CHESTER	5,309
DAUPHIN	3,965
YORK	3,087
LEHIGH	3,075

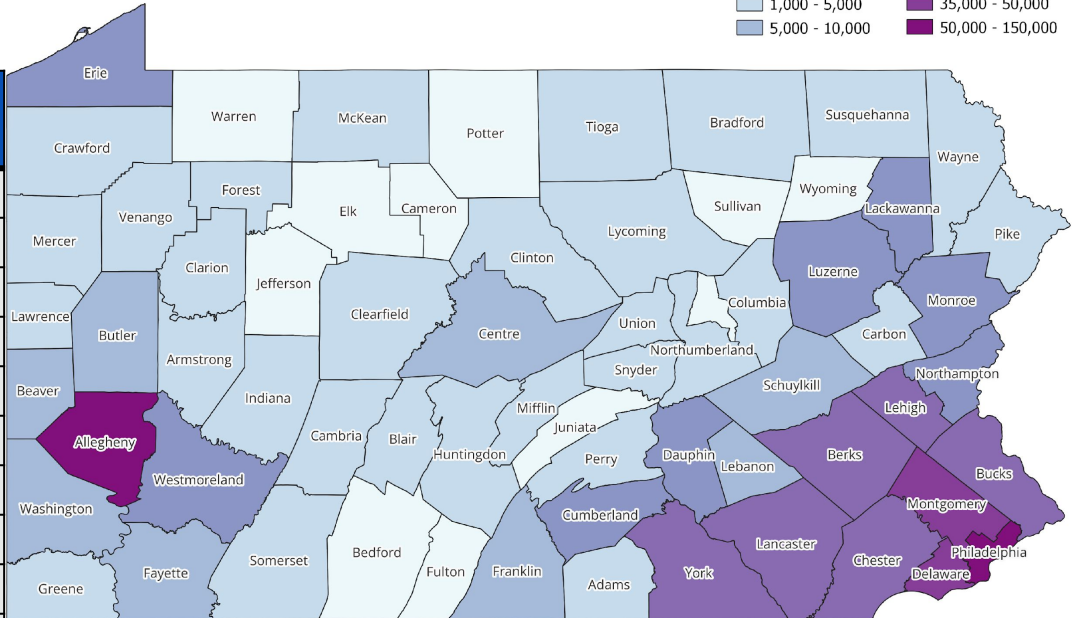


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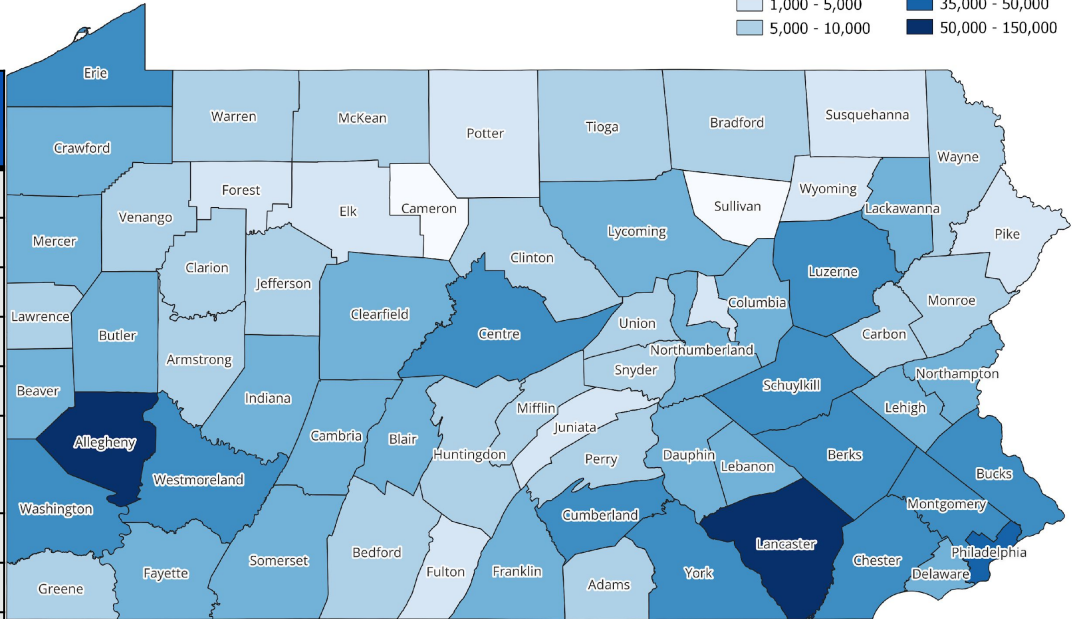


County	Unreg BIPOC Voters
PHILADELPHIA	122,210
ALLEGHENY	60,966
MONTGOMERY	49,931
DELAWARE	36,979
CHESTER	31,392
BERKS	31,086
BUCKS	30,324
LANCASTER	28,419
YORK	25,396
LEHIGH	25,312



# County Analysis

## White Unregistered Voters



County	Unreg. White Voters
ALLEGHENY	60,104
LANCASTER	53,453
PHILADELPHIA	41,168
LUZERNE	34,823
BERKS	34,570
WESTMORELAND	
D	34,566
ERIE	28,879
YORK	27,070
MONTGOMERY	24,013
BUCKS	22,475

# HAVA

# Help America Vote Act



# What is HAVA ?

The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) was enacted in 2002 to improve election infrastructure following issues from the 2000 Presidential Election. It introduced nationwide voter identification requirements, mandating registrants to provide a driver's license number or the last four digits of their Social Security number. First-time voters who register by mail must show ID when voting in person.

A HAVA Form is issued when a voter's identification cannot be verified, requiring additional steps to confirm their identity before they can vote.

# HAVA CODES

- **DECL-REJ- NO RESPONSE** : The county reached out to the applicant to verify their information and the applicant did not respond so they're application was rejected.
- **PEND - CONFLICTING DL# OR SSN** - The county reached out to the voter because they are not able to verify the applicants SSN or Driver's License number.
- **PEND - NEW REG VERIFICATION** - The county is verifying the new registration.
- **PEND - HAVA NOTICE SENT** - The county reached out to the applicant to verify their information and is awaiting the applicants response.

# **Calls to Action:**

- **Would you like a voting rights presentation at your local meeting - in person or on zoom? Contact me at (info [@newspaproject.org](mailto:info@newspaproject.org) ) to book a presentation**
- **Are you registered to vote? Please check your registration status today**
- **Follow us on social media**

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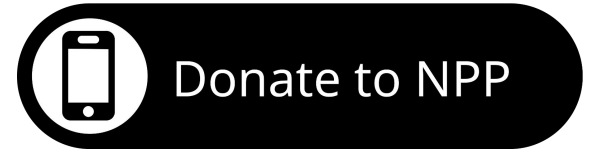
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"The vote is the most  
**powerful nonviolent**  
change agent you have in  
a democratic society."

- Congressman  
John Lewis



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**Go Birds.  
Go Vote!**

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**Go Steelers.**

**Go Vote!**

**(Go Pens - NHL??)**

