

- **Document everything in writing** — dates, names, and exact wording — and avoid agreeing to informal terms on the spot.
 - **Private institutions promising students free speech in their official policies have an obligation to live up to those commitments** — no exception for the election season!
 - **Check whether your school is public or private before assuming your rights apply the same way.**
- Facing a potential free speech or organizing issue at school?**
- www FIRE.org/submit-a-case.



Misinformation & Disinformation

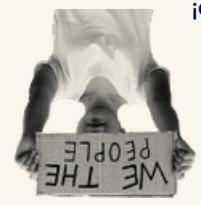
Stop the Spread

- **Pause and Verify.** Before sharing anything that makes you feel shocked, angry, or panicked. If you're not sure something is true, *don't pass it along* until you've checked it against a reliable source.
- **Report and Correct.** If you spot misinformation spreading, report it directly on the platform where you saw it. Then correct it for anyone who's already seen it, pointing them to a trusted source like FactCheck.org instead of deleting or ignoring.
- **Use an Official Government Website.** Or call or text the Election Protection hotline at 866-OUR-VOTE, so a rumor doesn't cost you a deadline!
- **Encourage Accurate Student Reporting.** If you're a student, make sure your student government, newspaper, and / or school radio station shares accurate information and resources (like the Election Protection hotline) with the student body.



- ## Know Your Rights & Voter Intimidation
- You have the right to vote free from fear and intimidation.
- Voter intimidation means using threats, harassment, or scare tactics to stop you from voting. If you feel uncomfortable or witness intimidation, call the Election Protection Hotline at 1-866-OUR-VOTE.
 - While you wait, or after you call, document what you can:
 - the time,
 - any relevant poll worker names or badge numbers,
 - specific statements or actions, and
 - the exact precinct location.
 - Remember, voter intimidation by any actor, including state or local law enforcement, is *illegal*. That said, law enforcement's presence alone does not necessarily mean intimidation is happening. If you're ever unsure, ask an election official.

- ## Post-Election Actions
- You just voted. Now what?
- Check your ballot's status using Vote.org's Ballot Tracker Tool. Bonus points if you share how with others too!
 - **Attend canvass and certification meetings** (contact your county elections office for more info).
 - **Track post-election audits** and check your state's audit requirements.
 - **Become a trained, non-partisan observer or serve as a poll worker.** Poll workers' duties aren't limited to Election Day — many poll workers assist with election reconciliation in the days immediately following (check out Power the Polls for more info)
 - **Stand in solidarity.** Stay connected with other student organizers and civic engagement groups in your network.
 - Share updates in a Signal group, and if your community responds to something together, make sure everyone's aligned on the same message.



Voting Plan, Logistics, & Deadlines

These Resources Can Help

- **Voter Journey Map.** Go to www.us.vote/how-to-vote and fill out the Voter Journey Map. When you're done you'll receive a PDF "map" or with the specific links, deadlines, and requirements you need to successfully cast your ballot.
- **Double Check Your Polling Site.** You can do so at www.vote411.org.
- **VoteRiders ID Requirements Resource.** Visit <https://voteriders.org/> and use the "Voting Info" dropdown menus to learn more about voter ID and registration requirements.
- **Free Helpline.** Call or text the VoteRiders Helpline at 866-432-8683 to access free assistance and support to obtain different kinds of ID.



The Gen Z Election Defense Pocket Guide



- Use this nonpartisan guide to navigate pressures you may face as a young, new, or student voter.
- Check out the entire Gen Z Election Defense Toolkit for more on how you can take action this election season.