

# #CountTheVote

Help Ensure The Midterms are Fair & Accurate!

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**We will monitor the close House & Senate races that will determine the balance of power in Congress**

- Plus other races where we have observers.
- Put your time & energy where it can make a difference.
- 900+ Observers in 47 states

## **Observers have seen:**

- More ballots than voters who voted
- Election seals in the garbage
- Copies of ballots mixed with ballots
- Incorrect addition in final vote totals
- Ballots left unlocked overnight
- Seals on ballots being broken
- Election officials violating court orders

**Training covers how to protect our elections through observation & verification of these systems:**

**Sept 15 ~ LOGIC AND ACCURACY:** Observe voting machines testing, who is conducting the tests & are best practices followed?

**Sept 17 ~ IN-PERSON VOTING:** Learn how to compare the number of voters to the number of ballots cast & document results in the polling place.

**Sept 22 ~ VOTER ROLLS:** Learn how to request voter rolls & check they are accurate. Voter rolls determine who gets to vote.

**Sept 24 ~ VOTE-BY-MAIL:** Mail-in ballots are at risk from both the possibility of rejection and fraud. Learn how to observe this process and what you can do to help ensure that valid votes get counted and not rejected.

**Sept 29 ~ AUDITS:** Learn to evaluate post-election audits, How many races & ballots are audited? Are discrepancies discovered? How are they addressed?

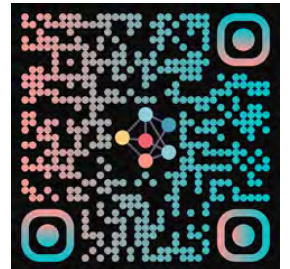
**Oct 1 ~ ELECTION NIGHT REPORTING:** Track vote totals as they are collected and reported by counties, states, media & election night reporting outlets.





## Confidence in U.S. Elections is Sliding

Democrats' Trust in Government "Has Cratered"



**38% of Democrats  
& 72% of Republicans  
Believe Election  
Results Are  
Not Legitimate**

- "Americans' trust in various U.S. federal government institutions remains mired near five-decade lows."
- Democrats' trust "has cratered"

Gallup | Nov. 2025

-YouGov

The Economist / YouGov | June 27 - 30, 2025 • [Get the data](#)

**#CountTheVote is a groundbreaking national network of election observers monitoring & protecting the midterms.**

It is the most comprehensive, nonpartisan, data-based, election verification program in U.S. history. Observers actively participate in monitoring and protecting their local elections, in order to increase confidence in election results, identify trouble spots and reduce the chance that U.S. elections will be plunged into chaos, or even violence, following an election.



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# What are the risks of election subversion in the midterms?

*Concerns about the election are different on the left & the right*

## Concerns On the Left

- Voters purged illegally
- Intimidation at the polls
- Early voting being cut back
- Candidates rejecting results
- Federal government interfering
- Polling places being moved

## Concerns On the Right

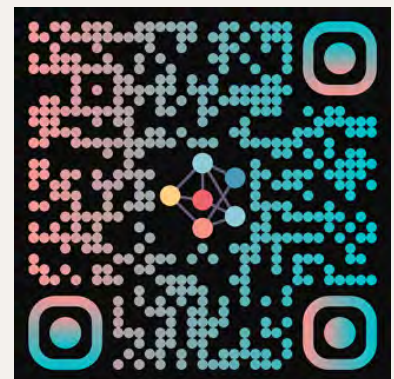
- Voters added to the rolls illegally
- Fraudulent use of mail-in ballots
- Electronic voting machines counting votes incorrectly
- Illegal voters casting ballots
- Electronic poll book issues

## Shared Concerns:

- Redistricting
- Ballot secrecy
- Foreign & insider attacks
- The other side will cheat & the election will be unfair

## Why Participate in #CountTheVote?

- Train with an experienced organization
- Collect election data to help ensure that votes get counted accurately
- Support legal action if required
- Nonpartisan community helps reduce the chance of unrest after the election



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**We've Been Covered, Quoted & Featured in:**



**Together we can improve the security and transparency of our elections**

To learn more about our work and explore partnership opportunities,  
please reach out to us at **community@SMARTelections.us**

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## Welcome!

To a Caring Community Improving Elections



**We're  
here to  
connect  
with you.**

**We create a culture  
of gratitude and  
support. That's why  
our logo is a heart.**

### ABOUT US:

**SMART Elections** is a non-partisan organization dedicated to transforming U.S. elections by expanding public oversight, improving security, and advocating for fair, accessible voting. Our mission is to ensure that elections are transparent, have high participation and inspire public confidence.

**OUR HISTORY:** We were founded in 2019 by an election security journalist, a filmmaker and a computer security expert. Our leadership has 20 years of experience in election reform.

**RESOURCES:** We've created a library of resources for you to learn at your own pace including;

- [A Glossary](#) of Election Terms
- [Research & election statutes](#) on every state & Puerto Rico
- [FAQs](#) on Areas of Election Observation

**OUR GOAL:** We want elections that are transparent, have high participation and inspire public confidence. We want you to have full confidence that your vote is counted correctly.



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### **HOW TO GET INVOLVED:**

- **We have partnerships with orgs around the country.**
- **Your team members fill out a simple google form & we take it from there.** We have a volunteer management system that helps us stay connected with observers throughout the process. Your organization will have access to that data at any time.

**HOW MUCH TIME WILL IT TAKE?** **Observers will want to dedicate a minimum of 2-3 hours for training, or more, if they want to learn about more aspects of the election.** Observing itself can take an hour to several days if the observer decides to do more - like several days of Early Voting.

### **WHY OBSERVE?**

- **Problems with U.S. elections are not new.** It is not always comfortable to discuss them, but we must if we want to improve our electoral process
- **Often technology is overlooked,** but tech is at the center of our elections now. We register, vote and count votes with technology. It is imperative for the public to have a better understanding of, and more confidence in, this technology that impacts almost every aspect of our lives.

**WHAT WILL I BE DOING?** **You will be observing different aspects of the election,** from the testing of the voting machines, to observing voters cast their ballots, to the auditing of the vote count.

**WILL I HAVE SUPPORT?** **Yes.** We develop networks at the local, state & federal level, so you have support during the process & in reporting what you find.

**CAN PROBLEMS BE SOLVED THIS WAY?** **Yes. We have located and started solving many issues this way.** We have been doing election observation for 5 years, and each election we get better at locating and solving problems.

**DO YOU APPRECIATE MY TIME?** **Very much. We are immensely grateful for all that you do.**



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### **WHAT DO PEOPLE SAY ABOUT WORKING WITH US?**

- “Smart Elections is the most thorough, vigilant, informed, and engaged source for information on our elections systems.”  
- Diana Finch, Longtime NYC Pollworker
- “I have been working in local elections for nearly 20 years and following federal election anomalies for about as long. I support your work and want to be involved.”  
- Substack Supporter
- “Very grateful for your efforts on behalf of election integrity”  
- Barbara Glassman Supporter

**OBSERVER'S STORIES:** Alice started observing with SMART Elections in Tulare County, CA in 2025. She observed mail-in ballot processing. She said in her report, “Most of my time was spent talking to the supervisor in charge of vote counting ... She was very friendly and answered all my questions ... *Her wish was that more people would come to observe.*”

**OBSERVER'S STORIES:** Symonne observed the Logic & Accuracy testing of the voting machines and the canvass of the ballots in Wexford County, Michigan. *The election officials said it was the first time anyone had come to observe, and they were very informative, answering all her questions.* She found out several important pieces of information:

- The testing of the ballots was done well and open to the public
- **The testing of the software was not open to the public** and not done by election officials. So it was impossible to tell if it was being done correctly, or at all.
- The audit is done after certification of the election in Michigan, so it does not serve to check if the election results are correct.



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# Experience & Vision Are Needed

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## Learn about SMART Elections

- Leadership with two decades of experience covering election security
  - Organized & moderated a [Senate briefing](#) on election security
  - Coverage of the [DEF CON security conference](#)
- A plan to restore confidence in U.S. elections through nonpartisan observation & local involvement
  - Effective [election verification program](#)
- A history of success
  - Pilot programs & observation in 14 states
  - [Security investigations](#) with 4 million views
  - Groundbreaking [litigation](#)
  - Nonpartisan collaboration with people across the political spectrum

**“Free & fair elections are the bedrock of our democracy. We need assurances that elections are secured against malign actors who would rob voters of their voices”**

- Dawn, SMART Elections volunteer

