

Debunking the Myths About the SAVE AMERICA ACT

The House passed it. The Senate must act. Here's what the Left isn't telling you.



MYTH 1 *"You'll have to re-register to vote and show your birth certificate before the next election."*

TRUTH **Wrong.** The SAVE America Act grandfathers everyone currently registered. **No one needs to re-register** for the upcoming election. New citizenship verification applies to **new registrations going forward only** — *not to existing voters.*

MYTH 2 *"Noncitizen voting is already illegal — this bill is redundant."*

TRUTH **Making something illegal is not the same as preventing it.** Drunk driving is illegal — but we still have sobriety checkpoints. The National Voter Registration Act has **no enforcement mechanism** — no requirement to verify citizenship at registration. The SAVE America Act **adds the checkpoint the law has always been missing.**

MYTH 3 *"Millions of Americans don't have documentary proof of citizenship."*

TRUTH **Every U.S. citizen is legally entitled to a birth certificate.** Naturalized citizens receive theirs at naturalization. Replacements are available from state vital records — typically **\$10–25**. The Act only requires presenting it **once, at registration** — *not at every election.*

MYTH 4 *"Voter ID is a modern-day poll tax."*

TRUTH 84% of Americans say only citizens should vote — including 76% of Democrats and 78% of liberals. After Georgia strengthened voter ID laws, critics predicted collapse. Instead, Georgia saw **record turnout including among minority voters.** *Integrity and participation are not opposites.*

MYTH 5 *"This is Jim Crow 2.0 — a partisan effort to suppress minority votes."*

TRUTH **This claim cannot survive contact with the data.** McLaughlin polling shows **76% support among self-identified Democrats** — including 64% of Black Americans and 64% of Hispanics. Purchasing a firearm requires a background check, photo ID, and a 4473 form. The SAVE America Act clears that bar easily. *Calling 83% consensus "voter suppression" is politics, not fact.*

MYTH 6 *"Married women will be disenfranchised because their birth certificate doesn't match their married name."*

TRUTH This is a **deliberate misrepresentation.** One additional document — a **marriage certificate or court order** — completes the application, the **same process used for passports and Real IDs.** As a further fallback, applicants may **sign an attestation under penalty of perjury.** *No citizen is left without a path to register.*

MYTH 7 *"The SAVE America Act is a federal takeover of elections."*

TRUTH This is a **small, targeted bill** that does two things: ensures people are **citizens when they register** and **who they say they are when they vote.** States still run their own elections. **Article I, Section 4** explicitly gives Congress this authority. This is a **safeguard against foreign interference** — *not a takeover.*

MYTH 8 *"It's logistically impossible to implement in time."*

TRUTH States moved **rapidly** to expand mail-in voting when standards loosened. Suddenly tightening standards is "impossible"? **95% of Americans already have valid photo ID. 89% can prove citizenship right now.** The infrastructure exists. *Acting now isn't reckless — it's responsible.*

MYTH 9 *"Evidence shows noncitizen voting is vanishingly rare."*

TRUTH **This claim proves our point.** Documented cases are rare because we have **no systematic way to detect them.** Absence of evidence in an unmonitored system is not evidence of absence — it is evidence the system is unmonitored. **The SAVE America Act creates the monitoring.** *That's the entire point.*

MYTH 10 *"The SAVE America Act forces Americans to register to vote in person."*

TRUTH Section 6 **explicitly amends the National Mail Voter Registration Form** to include citizenship verification — meaning **mail registration is preserved and named in the bill.** Motor voter and agency registration continue. You can still register by mail, at the DMV, or through a registration agency. **Registering in person was never required.** *It still isn't.*

MYTH 11 *"You need a valid U.S. passport to register to vote under this bill."*

TRUTH **False. A passport is one of more than five accepted documents:** a REAL ID indicating U.S. citizenship, a military ID with service record, a government photo ID showing U.S. place of birth, a birth certificate paired with government photo ID, a naturalization certificate, and an American Indian KIC card. **Most Americans already carry a qualifying document.** *No passport required.*

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of Americans say only citizens should vote — including 76% of Democrats & 78% of liberals. 67% say photo ID is reasonable — incl. 64% of Black Americans & 64% of Hispanics. (McLaughlin & Associates, March 4–9, 2026 · n=1,000)
Corroborated: Harvard/Harris 81% · Pew Research 83% · Harvard/Harris Feb. 2026

"Only American citizens should decide American elections."

— Jenny Beth Martin