

Get-Out-The-VOTE

*The whole point of the Declaration of Independence from England was the inability to participate in the political process by those in America. Encourage citizens to exercise their **RIGHT TO VOTE**.*

GOTV efforts happen right before and during the Voting period and especially during the 72-hour count-down period before and on Election Day. FYI: The Republicans' efforts are done by volunteers, while the Democrats' "volunteers" are paid. The two most common GOTV efforts are block walking and phone banking.

BLOCK WALKING

Block walking is the most effective form of volunteer voter contact. It can take up several hours of your day; but gives voters the opportunity to connect with you face-to-face and ask questions. Voters are oftentimes impressed that you took the time to come visit them in person. Block walking involves organizing a group, or several groups, to walk door-to-door and remind Republican voters to vote (don't remind Democrats to vote!). Block walks usually happen during the two months before the general election. (Block walking can also be useful for canvassing voters.) Many times, the ACRC will arrange block walks and just ask you to recruit volunteers and be a part of it. **However, there is no reason you cannot take the initiative to host one on your own.** Identify and register non-voters who may vote Republican. This is a perfect example where the Precinct can be of great help. If you can divide up your precinct into neighborhoods, and then blocks, with volunteers to cover each section, you've got your ground covered. If it's a Gubernatorial or Presidential election, coordinate with other Precincts.

Walk packets should be provided on a clipboard with a pen and need to include:

- List of targeted Republican addresses and maps to those houses
(The easiest way to do this is by requesting a "walk list" from the County Chair or the designated ACRC Member. The other option is to obtain one through the Adams County Election Office.)
- Utilize space on your walk list for notations: Were they home or did you leave literature at their door? Have the people voted yet? Will they vote for your candidate?

Literature with polling locations and times is an excellent item to distribute to voters when walking. The ACRC Office will do its best to maintain voter registration forms and other materials. Or, consider creating some yourself (Polling locations and times are included in this Handbook on pages 14 and 11). Only distribute these items by hand to the voter or leave it at their doorstep; **NEVER put anything in or on the mailbox—this is illegal.**

Below is a sample script for block walkers to use when speaking to voters at the door:

Walk Volunteer: "Hello, Mr./Ms. . My name is , and I am a volunteer for the Adams County Republican Committee. I am stopping by to remind you to vote in the election on (dates and times). Your polling location is ____." (Hand them literature.)

Voter: "Thank you."

Walk Volunteer: "Are you able to get to the polls?" (see Note below)

Voter: "Yes" or "No".

Walk Volunteer: "Any qualified Voter may apply for a mail-in ballot, without a reason, your vote is important." (Literature should include the web address www.pavoterservices.pa.gov and offer assistance.) See the "Mail-in / Absentee Ballot" page in this handbook.

Voter: "Thank you."

Walk Volunteer: "Thank you for your support and have a great day."



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PHONE BANKING

Studies have repeatedly shown that having an informed, motivated volunteer talking with fellow voters over the phone is very effective for reaching many voters in a short amount of time. It's great for those who don't want to walk or don't feel comfortable on the computer, and they can come and go on their own time.

Phone banking works similar to block walking, but from the comfort of your home or at a particular place where phones are set up (either hard lines or mobile phones), utilizing phone numbers obtained from the County Chair or the designated ACRC Member. The other option is to obtain one through the Adams County Election Office. Include Notations: Did they answer or did you reach a voicemail box? Have the people voted yet?

Below is a sample phone script for your volunteers to use.

Phone Volunteer: "Hello, Mr./Ms. . My name is , and I am a volunteer for the Adams County Republican Committee. I am calling to remind you to vote in the election on (dates and times). Your polling location is ." (See Note below) Voter: "Thank you."

Phone Volunteer: "Will you need a ride to the polls?" (see Note below)

Voter: "Yes" or "No".

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Voter: "Thank you."

Phone Volunteer: "Thank you for your support and have a great day."

BLOCK WALKING / PHONE BANKING

Be prepared to answer basic questions about the candidate(s) or issues you are supporting or being a Republican in general. If voters ask questions that you cannot answer, direct them to particular campaigns, the ACRC Office (717-338-9085) or local election office. The County Chair, Region Captain (or the organization in charge of the block walk/phone banking) should receive all the canvass sheets filled out during the walk. Reviewing this data will be helpful for future block walks/phone banking. As a member of the ACRC, share the goals of our Agency. You may learn other information such as, who may be interested in helping at the grassroots level in other ways than voting – may ask for a yard sign or to walk with you next time.

Motivate voters to go to the polls and give them reasons to vote for the Republican Candidates we support!

Thirty-one percent (31%) of registered Republicans exercising their Right to VOTE is NOT enough to RECLAIM our fundamental rights, nor is it enough to "drain the swamp". It is the Agency, and only at this grassroots level will we drain the swamp. So, be cautious of Candidates who come to the table with a financial war-chest. They're possibly one of those Trans-Republicans, enamored by lobbyists and backed by wealthy donors seeking to take power away from We The People.

