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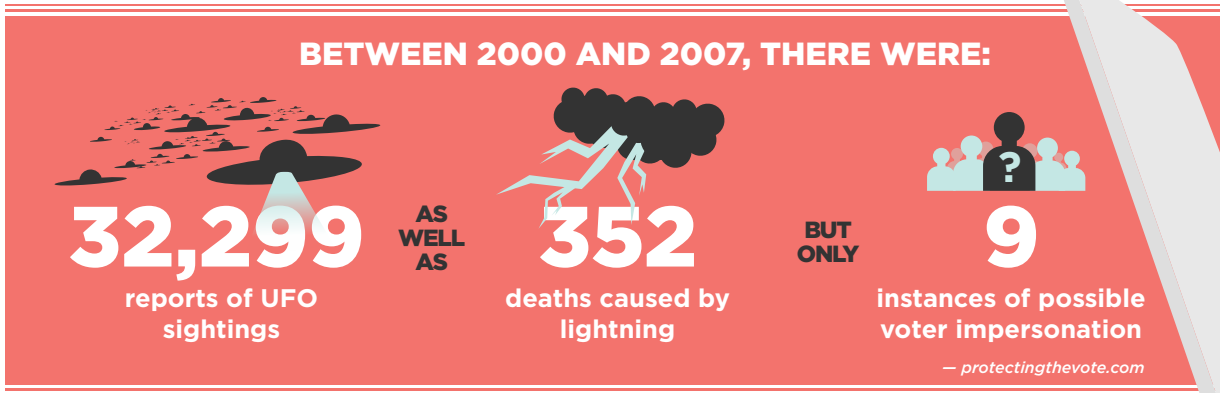
THINK YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE? NOT SO MUCH!

How U.S. Voter Suppression Laws are Infringing on Your Right to Vote

164 approximate number of laws introduced in states that would restrict U.S. Citizens from voting in the 2012 U.S. Election.
— Brennan Center for Justice

21 new voter suppression laws and two new executive actions have passed since the beginning of 2011.
— Brennan Center for Justice

65 bills are still pending, and at least **78** more were introduced but failed to pass since the beginning of 2011.
— Brennan Center for Justice



FACT: Restrictions most heavily disenfranchise young voters, people of color, elderly, and low-income voters, as well as voters with disabilities.

FACT: Voter ID laws could cost taxpayers **\$65.8 million** in 4 states: Pennsylvania, Indiana, North Carolina, and Missouri. Each of those states had significant budget shortfalls in 2011.

5 MILLION eligible voters may find it harder to vote in the 2012 U.S. Election due to voter suppression laws.
— Brennan Center for Justice

70% of the 270 electoral votes needed to win in 2012 will now come from states that have already passed new harmful voter suppression laws.
— Brennan Center for Justice

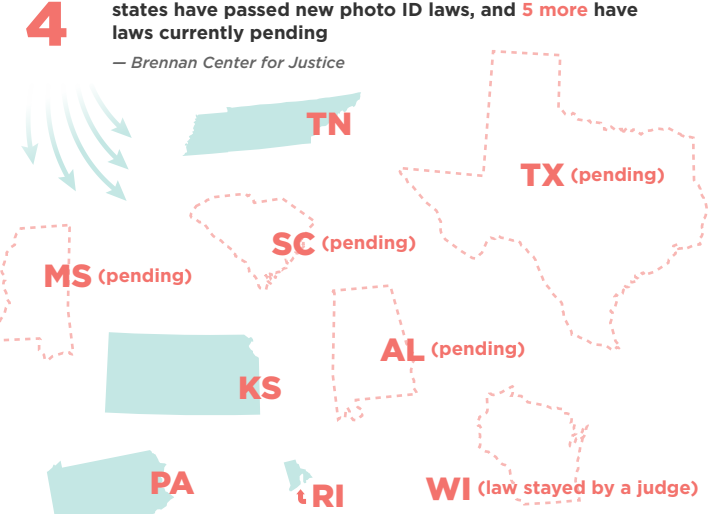
5/11 likely battleground states have either restricted voting rights or are currently considering new restrictions.
— the Los Angeles Times, 2/13/12

PHOTO ID LAWS

34 states introduced legislation requiring voters to show photo ID in order to vote.
— Brennan Center for Justice

4 additional states introduced legislation requesting photo ID to vote or to register to vote.
— Brennan Center for Justice

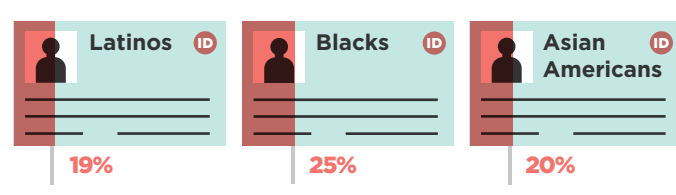
4+ MILLION eligible voters affected by new photo ID laws.
— Brennan Center for Justice



18% of people over 65 don't have a government-issued photo ID.
— Brennan Center for Justice

20+ MILLION voting age citizens don't have the type of photo ID required by the recently passed state voter ID laws.
— Brennan Center for Justice

Who lacks a government-issued photo ID compared to 8% of Whites? — protectingthevote.com



10% of the Latino vote was suppressed in states that passed voter ID laws.
— Houston Chronicle

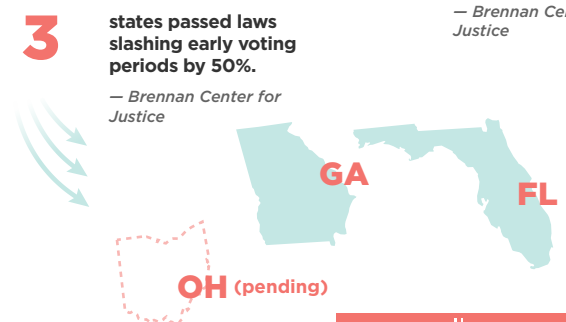
1/5 18-29 year olds don't have a driver's license, a main form of voter ID.
— Brief Amicus Curiae Of Rock The Vote

SLASHING EARLY VOTING PERIODS & VOTER REGISTRATION EFFORTS

9 states introduced bills to reduce their early voting periods, and **4** tried to reduce absentee voting.
— Brennan Center for Justice

16 states introduced bills to end numerous voter registration opportunities and mobilization efforts.
— Brennan Center for Justice

1-2 MILLION voters affected by the reduction of early voting periods.
— protectingthevote.com



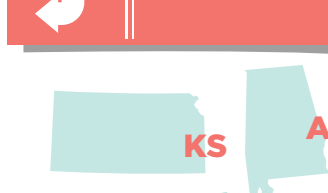
FACT: States with Election-Day Registration have **10% to 12% higher voter turnout.**
— protectingthevote.com

FACT: Black voters accounted for **22%** of the early votes in the 2008 election and **31%** of the Sunday vote.
— Voto Latino

FACT: Latino voters were **22%** of the final-Sunday voters.
— Georgia Senate Democratic Caucus

PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP

15 states introduced legislation that would require proof of citizenship, such as a birth certificate, to register and to vote.
— Brennan Center for Justice



696,000 citizens and potential voters affected by new proof of citizenship laws.
— Brennan Center for Justice

3 states passed proof of citizenship laws (all three of which will also have new photo ID laws).
— Brennan Center for Justice

VOTING LAWS THAT PENALIZE YOU FOR MOVING OR LOSING YOUR HOUSE

2 states passed laws making it more difficult for people who move to stay registered and to vote.
— Brennan Center for Justice



1 homes in Florida are currently in foreclosure.
— realtytrac.com /trendcenter

1 homes in Wisconsin are currently in foreclosure.
— realtytrac.com /trendcenter

1.3 MILLION U.S. homes have gone into foreclosure. If these homeowners lose their homes, they could potentially encounter obstacles when registering or voting in the 2012 election if states continue to pass these laws.
— realtytrac.com /trendcenter

RESTRICTING VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVES

2 states passed laws restricting voter registration drives, causing all or most of those drives to stop.
— Brennan Center for Justice



202,000 voters registered in 2008 through voter registration drives. These drives have now been made extremely difficult or impossible under new laws.
— Brennan Center for Justice

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Voter Suppression is happening across the U.S. as restrictive voting laws are being passed. Restrictive voting has taken these forms:

- ELIMINATING ELECTION-DAY REGISTRATION
- RESTRICTING INDEPENDENT VOTER REGISTRATION ACTIVITIES
- REDUCING THE NUMBER OF DAYS FOR EARLY VOTING
- LEGISLATION REQUIRING PHOTO ID FOR IN-PERSON VOTING

Some form of voting restriction laws were considered by nearly every state. The evidence shows a virtual war on voting. "The problem is not that ineligible voters are voting, it's that eligible voters are not voting," said Maria Teresa Kumar of Voto Latino. "Reforms" like the ones approved

this year make the problem worse, explained Voto Latino. While these laws tackle a fictitious problem, the consequences are very real. Young folks and students, people of color, low-income, elderly, and the less-educated are the people most likely to experience

disenfranchisement from voter ID laws. The data in this infographic has been collected through resources like Brennan Center for Justice, League of Women Voters, Rock the Vote, and Voto Latino. All data is based on information from the United States.

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