

Low Voter Turnout in the United States



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What is voter turnout?

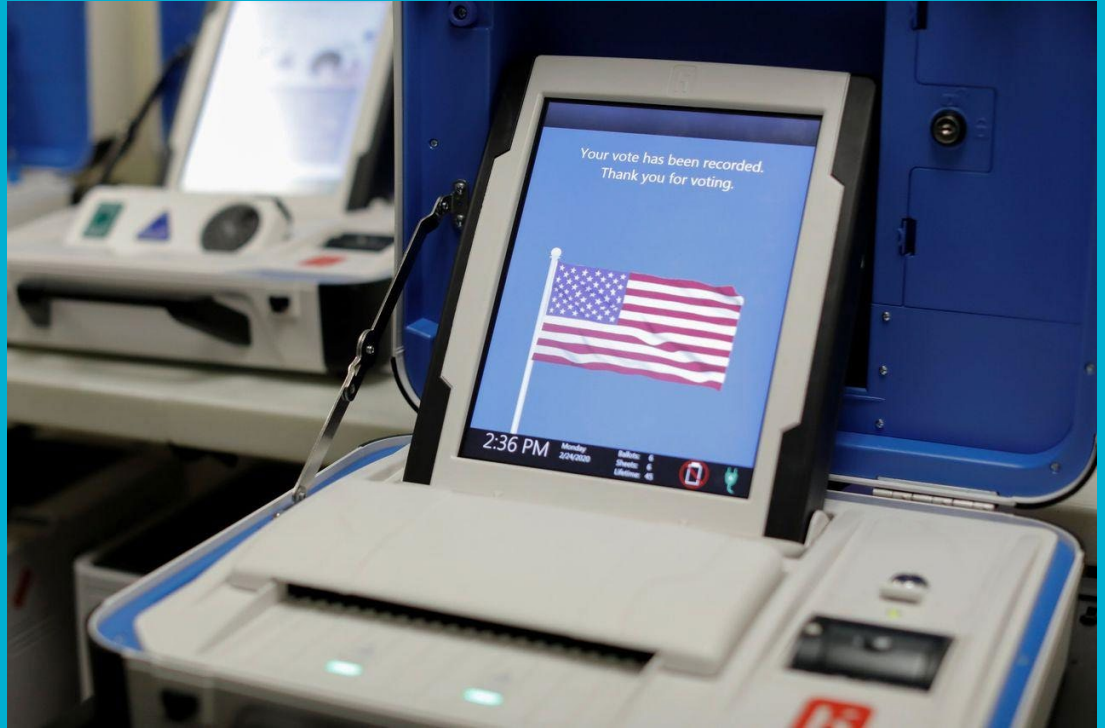
- Percentage of eligible voters who cast a ballot in an election

- United States has a much lower turnout compared to other democracies



Reasons for Low Voter Turnout

- Education & Social Class
- Age
- Accessibility
- Voting Apathy



Consequences



- The people are not fully represented
- Higher level of political inequality
- United States has dropped to 25th in the world in the EIU Democracy Index ratings

History of Voter Disenfranchisement

- Jim Crow Laws

- Elk v Wilkins

- Chinese Exclusion Act



Current Policy

- 1965 Voting Rights Act
 - Shelby County v. Holder, 2013
- 1993 National Voter Registration Act
 - Online Registration by state as of 2002
- States passing an increasing number of bills affecting voting accessibility
 - 34 Restrictive bills in 19 states
 - 62 expansive bills in 25 states



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