

5 MYTHS ABOUT VOTING

MYTH: The U.S. Constitution guarantees all U.S. citizens the right to vote.

✓ *Fact* Amendments to the Constitution tell states what they cannot do (deny the vote based on race, gender or age, for example), but nothing in the Constitution tells the states that they must ensure all citizens can vote. Check the voting laws in your state!

MYTH: Presidential elections are the ones that really matter.

✓ *Fact* Where does your water come from? How are local police officers trained? State and local elections decide who answers these questions and more.

MYTH: Voter I.D. fraud is a big problem in the United States.

✓ *Fact* According to the Brennan Center for Justice, Americans are more likely to be struck and killed by lightning than to impersonate another voter.

MYTH: College students have to vote where their parents live.

✓ *Fact* Most college students can vote at home or at or near school. Because every state is different, everyone should check the laws and register well in advance of election day in the state where they plan to vote.

MYTH: My vote doesn't count.

✓ *Fact* Because tied elections are surprisingly common, every vote matters. In 2017 in Virginia, officials drew a name from a bowl to decide control of the state's House of Delegates.