



## Spread The Vote Greetings!

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### What is Spread The Vote?

Spread The Vote (STV) helps eligible voters obtain government issued photo ID for work, housing, voting, and more. We help with documentation, fees, transportation, and everything else that it takes to obtain an ID. To find out more about us, visit our website: <https://www.spreadthevote.org/>

### Why Voter IDs?

Simply put, a voter ID law is any regulation requiring that a voter furnish proof of identity in order to cast a ballot in an election. As of 2016, **over 30 states require some form of identification at the polls.** On the surface, these laws seem like common sense, but a closer look reveals that **they do more harm than good.** Currently, about 11% of voting age Americans (that's over 21 million people) lack a government-issued ID – 13% of African-Americans, 10% of Hispanics, and 5% of whites.

The obstacles to obtaining ID are numerous. If a voter manages to gather all their paperwork, other challenges loom, such as actually getting to their nearest ID-issuing office. **Over 10 million eligible voters live over 10 miles from their nearest ID-issuing office.** Many offices are only open part-time – these are often concentrated in poor, rural, and majority-minority areas. Offices in cities often face long wait times due to high demand. The working poor often cannot afford to take time off in order to go obtain ID, or risk losing their job if they do so. For many, the cost of transportation alone is an insurmountable obstacle.

This is where **Spread The Vote** comes in. **Our goal is to help every single American, no matter their background or party affiliation, obtain the identification they need to participate in our democracy.** We work directly in states with ID laws to help voters through every phase of the process. If you can't afford the paperwork, we'll pay for it. If you don't have a car or can't afford gas right now, we'll drive you to the DMV. If your state's law is confusing, our experts will walk you through every phase of the process.

Our focus at STV is not on advocating for change in the laws. Nor are we helping voters circumvent them. We simply want to make it as easy as possible for Americans to follow the laws.

**We believe voting is the sacred right of every American, and every American should be able to exercise it.**

### Need an ID?

We can help you get the ID you need to vote. Contact us online at [spreadthevote.org/vote](https://spreadthevote.org/vote), by text at (323) 694-0738, or by e-mail at [takeaction@spreadthevote.org](mailto:takeaction@spreadthevote.org).