

North Columbus Friends Meeting

This is a resource guide to further our discussion on the centennial of the 19th amendment and related topics. Please do not delete anything added by other Friends, but feel free to contribute new links, queries, and potential discussion topics.***

History of Women's Suffrage

- Research and Education
 - This is a [timeline](#) of when women got the right to vote in other countries, from New Zealand in 1893 to Saudi Arabia in 2015.
 - This [article](#) discusses the Suffrage movement among Latinx women, focusing on New Mexico.
- Discussion Topics and Queries

Women in Politics Today

- Research and Education
 - In this article, The Christian Science Monitor provides a [timeline](#) of women lawmakers' fight for equal treatment within Capitol Hill. Provides interesting history about Congressional dress codes, restroom access, and more.
- Action Items and Activist Organizations
 - Founded in 1985, [Emily's List](#) focuses on getting pro-choice Democratic women elected to office.
 - [She Should Run](#) is a nonpartisan nonprofit that works to encourage women of all walks of life to consider a run for office (rather than supporting existing campaigns).
 - [Higher Heights for America](#) focuses on political empowerment for Black women. They also publish the [Chisholm 50 Sisters to Watch](#) list.
 - In order to sustain women's election campaigns, [Get Her Elected](#) enables volunteers to offer their skills (editing, graphic design, data analysis, etc) pro bono to progressive women candidates.
- Discussion Topics and Queries

Contemporary Voter Disenfranchisement

- Felony Disenfranchisement and Voter Suppression of the Incarcerated
 - Research and Education
 - The Sentencing Project provides a comprehensive [database](#) of information relating to felony disenfranchisement.
 - The Marshall Project describes itself as a curator of "some of the best criminal justice reporting from around the web." At this [link](#), they have collected news stories from a variety of publications relating to felony disenfranchisement.
 - In this interactive [map](#), the ACLU breaks down current felony disenfranchisement laws by state.
 - The Sentencing Project provides [examples](#) of jurisdictions actively supporting voting access in jails.
 - The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) provides state-by-state details on felon voting rights [here](#).
 - The Prison Policy Initiative has issued a detailed [report](#) tracking the growth and disparity in women's state prison populations.

- This [article](#) from the Columbus Dispatch in November 2019 discusses a federal judge's ruling that Ohio law had unconstitutionally suppressed voting access for the incarcerated.
- Action Items and Activist Organizations
 - One of American Friends Service Committee's six Key Issues is "Ending Mass Incarceration." AFSC considers felony disenfranchisement a central problem within this key issue and offers a pre-written message to send to your governor [here](#).
 - The Ohio branch of the ACLU has provided an [organizer's toolkit](#) for folks looking to encourage and improve access to voting among the currently incarcerated.
- Discussion Topics and Queries

- General Voter Suppression
 - Research and Education
 - In this interactive [map](#), the ACLU highlights major voter suppression measures enacted since 2010.
 - This [factsheet](#) discusses the equity issues that have arisen from the trend of voter ID laws.
 - In this [article](#), Hannah Smothers discusses how stigma and Voter ID laws disproportionately affect trans folks.
 - Action Items and Activist Organizations
 - [Rock the Vote](#) is a nonpartisan nonprofit working to encourage voting among young people.
 - This [guide](#) provides information on voting rights for trans folks.
 - Discussion Topics and Queries

(The ACLU organizers encouraged participants to share this information with our networks.)

General Voter Education and Voter Engagement

- [ACLU of Ohio Vote Center](#)
- [And I Still Vote](#)
- [Cleveland Votes – Commit to Cleveland Toolkit](#)
- [Ohio Votes](#)
- [Power the Polls](#)
- [VOTEOHIO.GOV](#)
- [VOTE441](#)

Voting Rights for People with Criminal Convictions

- [ACLU of Ohio – Voting in Jail: An Organizer's Toolkit](#)
- [ACLU of Ohio, All Voting is Local Ohio, & Northeast Ohio Voter Advocates – 2018 Jail Voter Registration: A Comparison](#)
- [Article: Jails as Polling Places](#)
- [Brennan Center for Justice – Criminal Disenfranchisement Laws Across the United States](#)
- [Cuyahoga County Office of Reentry – Jail Voting Flyer](#)
- [Demos – How to End De Facto Disenfranchisement in the Criminal Justice System](#)
- [Nonprofit VOTE – Voting Rights for Ex-Offenders by State](#)

- [The Marshall Project](#)
- [The Sentencing Project – Voting in Jails](#)
- August 27, 2020 Ohio ACLU presentation, **Election 2020: Voting Rights for People with Criminal Convictions**. If interested, [you can view the recording](#).

Potential Related Topics for Discussion and Teach-Ins

- Mass Incarceration
 - Disproportionate rate of female incarceration
 - The Sentencing Project has a break-down of information [here](#).
 - Racist underpinnings of the criminal justice system