

The 2024 Election Stages

Preparing for Election Day

Task Force Advocates Edition

October 2024

Agenda

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- 3.Potential Disruptions** What we anticipate
- 4.Advocate Action** What you can do
- 5.Q and A** Post in the chat at any time

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Task Force's mission is to use its expertise to help civil society and decision-makers **prevent, prepare for, and mitigate** a range of election crises.

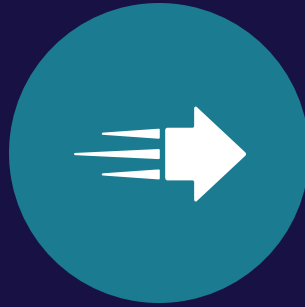
The only electoral outcomes the Task Force advocates for are **free, fair, and safe elections** in the United States.

How we work



Research & Analysis

- Rebutting Allegations of Widespread Voter Fraud by Noncitizens
- Candidate Succession Before Election Day



Rapid Response

- Statement on the Democratic Party Replacing Its Presumptive Presidential Nominee
- National Task Force on Election Crises Condemns Attack At Former President Trump's Rally



Task Force Advocates

- Pre-Debate Trends to Watch and Talking Points
- The 2024 Election Season Preview

What to expect

Election Stages and Potential Disruptions

NAVIGATING 2024

Where we are in the election process



★ PRE-ELECTION ★ SEP 6 – OCT 18, 2024



MAIL-IN VOTING BEGINS SEP 16 – OCT 27, 2024



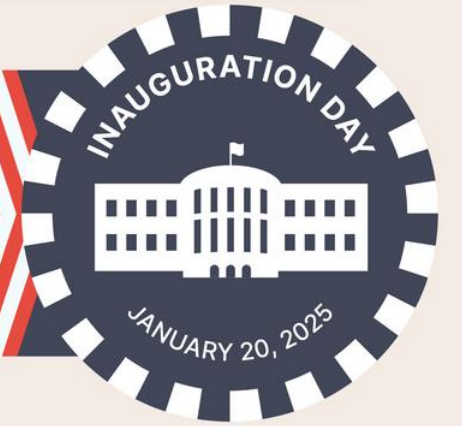
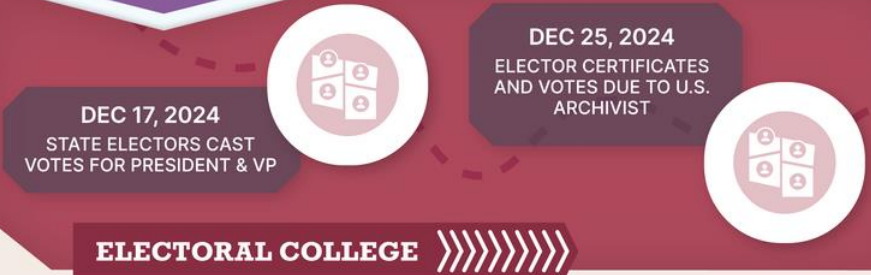
NOV 5 – DEC 11, 2024 RESULTS COUNT, CHECK, CANVASS, CERTIFICATION ★★★



EARLY VOTING & ELECTION DAY ★★★ THROUGH NOV 5, 2024 ★★★



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ELECTORAL COLLEGE

Key Messages Throughout the Process

- 1.Promote** peace, calm, and patience
- 2.Call** for every eligible voter to be able to cast their ballot, and for every vote to be counted
- 3.Provide** nonpartisan, accurate information to your network
- 4.Set expectations** about potential challenges and delays in the electoral process

MAIL-IN VOTING

SEPTEMBER 16 – OCTOBER 27, 2024

1

Vote by Mail

2

Votes Cast

3

Secure Ballots

Safeguards and Requirements

- Proof of identity typically required to ballot
- Ballot tracking is available in many jurisdictions.
- Updated voting lists prevent people from voting by mail *and* in-person
- Deadlines vary for mail-in voting (received by Election Day or postmarked by a specific date), USPS recommends getting ballots in one week before they are due.

EARLY VOTING & ELECTION DAY

THROUGH NOVEMBER 5, 2024

1 Voting Machine Setup

2 Qualify & Assist Voters

3 Votes Cast

4 Independent Observation


Safeguards and Requirements

- Some states utilize in-person voting locations for early voting, others conduct it exclusively by mail
- Staffed by a bipartisan network of poll workers
- Many aspects open to public or observers
- Results are not "official" when they are "called"

EARLY VOTING & ELECTION DAY

Potential Developments

⚠ CAUTION ⚠




ADMINISTRATION
Staffing challenges, counting errors, drop box changes

Mistakes or technical issues

Severe weather

⚠ CAUTION ⚠



MIS/DISINFORMATION
Conspiracy theories, election denial, AI deepfakes

Red mirage/Blue shift (and Intimidation at polling places the reverse)

Premature claims of victory Threats to election workers

⚠ CAUTION ⚠



VIOLENCE
Threats to staff/officials, ballot guarding, voter intimidation

⚠ CAUTION ⚠



INTERFERENCE
Blocking results, preventing ballot access, refusal to enforce election laws

Eligibility challenges

Mass record requests

Database hacking

What you can do



Cast your ballot early



Share accurate information
([Vote411.org](https://www.vote411.org)) and go to local
election officials and SOS.



Urge calm, patience, and trust in
the process

RESULTS COUNT, CHECK, CANVASS, CERTIFICATION

NOVEMBER 5 – DECEMBER 11, 2024

1 Canvass & Tabulation

2 Audits 
Recount if results are challenged

3 County Certification

4 State Certification

5 Transmit Certificates


Safeguards and Requirements

- States take time to get the count right -- so v likely will not know the winner on Election Night
- Recounts available within certain margins (automatic or requested)
- Audited results verify machine tabulation
- Results are often checked at the precinct, th county, and by the state.

COUNT, CHECK, CANVASS, CERTIFICATION

Potential Developments

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Counting delays

Drawn out process vs. ECRA deadline

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Premature claims of victory Crowds outside tabulation facilities


Pushes for hand-counting

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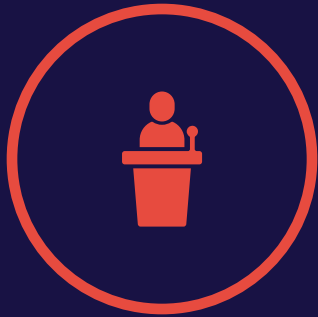


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Refusal to certify

Hacking

What you can do



Educate your network: We likely will not know the results on Election Night.



Encourage officials to count every vote



Urge calm, patience, and trust in the process

Assessment on security & violence



Our elections are safe & secure. Voters can have confidence that they will be able to cast their ballot safely and it will be counted



Experts are not overly concerned about violence on election day, though threats may occur.



Experts are concerned about potential threats to officials who have roles in the post-election process and potential violence during the post-election period more broadly.

Save the Dates

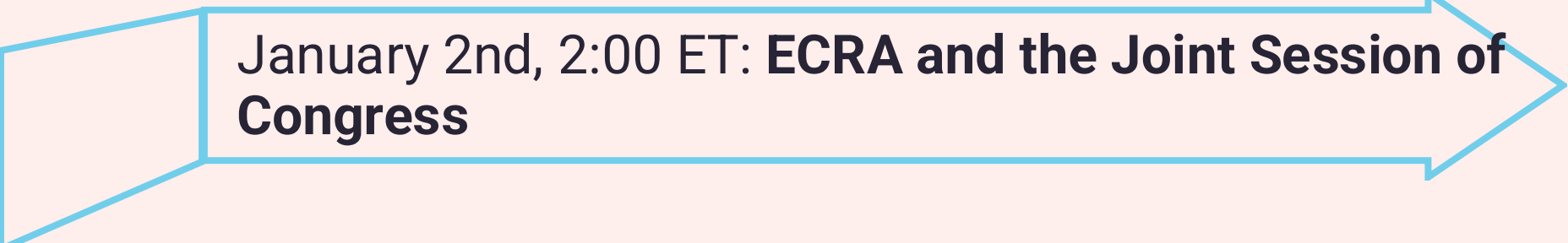
Upcoming Task Force Briefings



November 12th, 2:30 ET: **Certification and ECRA**



December 12th, 2:00 ET: **ECRA and the Electoral College**



January 2nd, 2:00 ET: **ECRA and the Joint Session of Congress**



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