

Information accessibility issues for students (reputable sources, barriers on getting information)

It is important to help students navigate information to solve the problem of overload.

"They [students] have to search and take all the time to figure out what is relevant to them and what isn't."

"Ballots, especially propositions, are difficult to understand (man, 18)" (PEW)

Communication of new AV procedures has been opaque.

"So a big problem that we've run into is that a lot of the office websites can be hard to figure. It's an overload of information for some folks."

help students navigate the voting rules so they can get themselves registered and actually turn out.

It is important to help students gain reputable sources from official sources.

"Students need access to information on absentee voting procedures, deadlines and easy-to-use ballot return options (MCCO taskforce, including CC students)

"That's a goal to make sure that people get access to information directly from election officials and official sources."

"...many youth are unaware of the need for their information to be accessible..."

"Information, lack of information and confusion for procedure is a huge barrier for young voters... (MCCO taskforce, including CC students)

26% of youth indicated needing help to discern reliable sources of info (in CIRCLE and OYUS 2018 survey)

"Reading the young people's comments..."

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Students need education on absentee voting procedures and process.

young people lack experiences with voting procedures and access to information they need.

"The young people understand that they need to vote, but they don't know how to do it..."

"The young people aren't aware of the need for their information to be accessible..."

"Only 24% of young people in our poll have previously visited by mail."

Students get pretty confused when it comes to registration and picking an address (permanent home vs student)

students are not sure which address to put in the AB application form.

A major factor for not voting is that students move so much and don't update their address.

Wolverine access (or other school resources) may not count as address registration (per A2 clerk)

52% of students made mistakes on their absentee ballot request due to form complexity (e.g., home address)

voter education and collaboration with campus to improve voter registration will be imperative

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what type of communication methods would help students get information they need?

how young voters access/receive information

"The address record needs a significant overhaul..."

"The majority of voters..."

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Providing direct Q&A consulting could be effective when it comes to solve students' concerns.

"While young people are savvy using technology, they need to be able to ask questions and receive guidance to make sure, for example, that they are filling out forms correctly." (Luft, Cirle)

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Some barriers students face during the process of submitting AV applications, including the lack of access to printer, postage and internet.

Emailing an AV ballot application requires a printer. Some students don't have access to one.

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"In CIRCLE and OYUS 2018 survey, we found that only 12% of young people had used online voter registration and just 1% utilized text messages to vote" (Luft, Cirle)

Barriers faced by students when it comes to vote absentee, including out of state, low income and minority students

barriers for out of state students if they want to vote absentee in their home state.

"In college and the real world, we have seen a lot of students who are out of state..."

students without a driver license could not apply absentee ballot online

Students from out-of-state can't apply for their AV ballot online because they don't have a driver's license on file.

"Young people today are far less likely to show than young people were a few decades ago..."

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low income students' barriers to voting

"The barrier to online voter registration..."

Our study indicates that..."

"Young, low-income voters..."

"It is not as challenging for young people who are struggling..."

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Different racial groups' experience with voting and voting absentee varies.

"64.2% of Asian youth and 21% of Black youth have had access to and experience with using the mail..."

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Benefits about AV voting for students.

"Because students often experience difficulty getting to polling stations in Eastern Ohio..."

"Young adults, in particular, are less likely than older people to say voting is convenient..."

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students' perceptions around voting.

Majority of students are positive about voting and hope to engage with the process.

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Voting by mail varies by states.

Among all ages, in 2016, 10% of respondents reported that 21% of all states in Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, and Mississippi have mail-in ballot options..."

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Differences between CC students and university students

It is easy to lose track of CC students because they don't have central gathering space as university, and students have jobs outside of school.

Having a dedicated campus rep and providing enough funding for CC students could be two solutions to improve voter engagement in CC.

Community college students might have fewer resources than uni, they're trying to make any difference/impact they can.

Community college campuses may be more limited.

Gaining support for voter engagement on campus can be difficult without buy-in from deans/presidents.

Community colleges tend to have ad-hoc resources for voter engagement, such as a professor/volunteering their time.

there are fewer administrative representatives at CC's engaging students.

2 year institutions have less extreme differences between voters and those who vote.

Compared to the rest of the country..."

CC Students could be the gateway to reach other communities outside of school.

community college students tend to have more happening in their life outside of school.

the things CC students learn about voting makes it back to a larger network of communities they're in.

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reaching out to employers could be a solution to reach out to young voters who are not in college.

"Twenty of a college or university..."

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