

Civics for Adults Update, January 8, 2023. Happy New Year!!

Upcoming

Citizen Activism 101—Making Change Happen

Wednesday, January 11, 6-7:30 EST! Stoughton Public Library [MASS]. Virtual.

Register: <https://www.sharonpubliclibrary.org/?fbclid=IwAR1OJLYsy3Yv9OIs0ewK4v0Goji9TQ31zqB8BwJAKCupGH13csPckOTNI7s>

Sunday, February 5, 2:30-4:00. PST. Hillsboro Public Library [OR]. Virtual

Register: TBA

- Historical perspective
- Examples of successful advocacy
- Types of advocacy
- Who makes the rules?
- Tools / strategies for change
- Engaging with government / lobbying for influence
- Tracking legislation

Beyond Voting: Elections and Campaign Finance

Wednesday, February 15, 3:00. EST! Stoughton Public Library [MASS]. Virtual

Register: TBA

- Right to vote?
- Voter suppression
- Election 2024 issues
- Redistricting / gerrymandering
- Electoral College
- Alternative voting systems
- Campaign financing issues and tracking

Selected Civics for Adults Facebook posts:

Final January 6 Committee Report.

https://s3.documentcloud.org/documents/23515172/report_finalreport_jan6selectcommittee.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0GSbxM1eMslYRPbUU3wi0EhIJsmTB0HuskzX8u0j9YUV4ITa1CNPbV408

Final January 6 Committee meeting.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5oInF549kNE&list=PL2dydN2nCana-R0ixhCS8rs2fINV2RPXk&index=44&t=21s>

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The Omnibus spending bill passed by Congress also included changes to the **Electoral Count Act**. The reforms clarify and tighten up the process of counting presidential electoral votes submitted by the states to Congress and will make it far less likely that a Jan 6-type event could happen.

This was a bipartisan effort.

https://www.npr.org/2022/12/22/1139951463/electoral-count-act-reform-passes?fbclid=IwAR2zaMOB5Fih2F2bbkQYSUiBEeDfZb5NXwAeM4_QkhXmY9OvrFRfi6_LX3k

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It's nice to see that what I've been doing in my Misinformation workshop for the past 6 years has gained some popularity in the mainstream press!

False information is everywhere. 'Pre-bunking' tries to head it off early

<https://www.npr.org/2022/10/28/1132021770/false-information-is-everywhere-pre-bunking-tries-to-head-it-off-early?ft=nprml&f=1132021770&fbclid=IwAR2jDzEL8YqiYMsLvLc75nTil6mJaR93vzpDjxtQx0fkipqxsmsFs1m8ZDHc>

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We need these types of tools. Deepfake technologies just keep getting more sophisticated. The implications – like for election seasons – are scary.

Intel Says Its Deepfake Detector Has 96% Accuracy

<https://gizmodo.com/intel-deep-fake-ai-1849795542?fbclid=IwAR1Ku-PyiP8aovRTriNCXWyxC94QGGBuV10WR5RD52eWSuq0mWwlb-1wvPY>

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Policy Basics: Introduction to the Federal Budget Process

https://www.cbpp.org/research/federal-budget/introduction-to-the-federal-budget-process?fbclid=IwAR2CZ2FwIWZ_zDn2HhRdZ9VNDLIOVq867z76WsjS1R14LMR3wehNDLkM124

More at <https://www.facebook.com/Civics-for-Adults-1490728887922036>

Ask your local library or community group to sponsor a workshop! Thanks.

Flyer describing workshops: https://static.s123-cdn.com/uploads/2516289/normal_5fe8c854352d5.pdf