

## Civics for Adults Update Aug 15, 2023.

*This month – in person!*

### **Citizen Activism 101—Making Change Happen**

Thursday, Aug. 24 6:30-8:00 PM Cornelius Public Library [OR].

Free and open to all. In-person!

<https://www.corneliusor.gov/library/page/citizen-activism-101-making-change-happen>

- 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

### **Selected Civics for Adults Facebook posts:**

Here is the **indictment against Donald Trump for January 6:**

"conspiracy to defraud the United States; conspiracy to obstruct an official proceeding; obstruction of and attempt to obstruct an official proceeding; and conspiracy against [voting] rights."

[https://s3.documentcloud.org/documents/23893948/trumpindictment.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1Hbk\\_TpO3rXVf62pRfK4dc4xt5cpbPNFYI3ZQyygUq\\_L\\_sr6wIMrARdMs](https://s3.documentcloud.org/documents/23893948/trumpindictment.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1Hbk_TpO3rXVf62pRfK4dc4xt5cpbPNFYI3ZQyygUq_L_sr6wIMrARdMs)

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Part of critical thinking is recognizing when words are being misused:

**Autocrats' Favorite Word? Democracy.** Smeltzer. Freedom House. Aug 10, 2023.

"The sides share the understanding that democracy is a universal human value, rather than a privilege of a limited number of states, and that its promotion and protection is a common responsibility of the entire world community."

"...from a joint statement of the Russian Federation and the People's Republic of China in the weeks prior to Moscow's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022..."

"The ability to recognize and explain the difference between hollow "democratic" rhetoric and the tenets of a truly democratic system is fundamental to countering authoritarian abuses, and promoting democratic systems where leaders are accountable to voters and fundamental rights and freedoms are upheld."

[https://freedomhouse.org/article/autocrats-favorite-word-democracy?fbclid=IwAR2x1oNoAb9ItN8N5te31XwcpYVqjHyH6mdQMAQ3pF\\_klPrfM27oEunszQM](https://freedomhouse.org/article/autocrats-favorite-word-democracy?fbclid=IwAR2x1oNoAb9ItN8N5te31XwcpYVqjHyH6mdQMAQ3pF_klPrfM27oEunszQM)

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Cases continue to be brought attempting to show voter fraud - and yet, evidence rarely exists, and when it does the situation would not have affected election outcomes. Fortunately, most of the courts so far seem to not allow themselves to be brought into the delusion of widespread voter fraud. This case was thrown out.

### **Federal judge tosses Oregon lawsuit over mail voting, tabulation machines**

Shumway. Oregon Capital Chronicle. July 5, 2023.

[https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/briefs/federal-judge-tosses-oregon-lawsuit-over-mail-voting-tabulation-machines/?fbclid=IwAR0-WOINI9huXOoewf6-V3iShNqFdjLp97X0U5b\\_X9sQH79ECfH2clH92q8](https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/briefs/federal-judge-tosses-oregon-lawsuit-over-mail-voting-tabulation-machines/?fbclid=IwAR0-WOINI9huXOoewf6-V3iShNqFdjLp97X0U5b_X9sQH79ECfH2clH92q8)

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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](https://static.s123-cdn.com/uploads/2516289/normal_5fe8c854352d5.pdf)