

Civics for Adults Update April 8, 2024.

Workshops

Misinformation and Propaganda - Telling Truth from Fiction. Sat, April 27th, at 3:00 PST,
Madera County [CA] Public Library

Note: Name change for the Misinformation workshop.

Misinformation and Propaganda - Telling Truth from Fiction. Sat, August 17th.

New Britain [Conn.] Public Library.

I also have a custom workshop on **Voting** scheduled for April but it will be closed to the public. I've been doing more custom workshops. Please contact me to discuss!

Selected Civics for Adults Facebook posts:

CPR and other Colorado newsrooms need your help to cover this year's election

This is a very good development. Colorado newsrooms are going to work together to bring people what they want to know about during election season. They will steer away from "horse race" coverage and focus on "the stakes, not the odds", as Jay Rosen writes about. Check this out. They even have a survey right in the article! Every state should do this.

https://www.cpr.org/2024/04/02/voter-voices-2024-election-survey/?fbclid=IwAR3SyOyqyzAwNK4X-Cs744oFBY95XKcAeog1T2SFv4fdZ3Pyor7qf0ovtgw_aem_AbEVz0PPzXTGXctfCuB8L8z0n7ZN-AtJIZlxklxRKMTFq2UYSnQ-Voo5DtOR7-6ABc2ZA4QRVfmpd0s4Ai_bOCBq

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In Alabama, Voters and Nonpartisan Civic Engagement Groups Deserve a Voice

Ever since the Supreme Court struck down the pre-clearance provision in the Voting Rights Act in 2013, jurisdictions and states that had previously had constitutionally questionable voting laws examined by the federal government before they were enacted, have had a field day enacting various restrictions on voting. We must put pre-clearance back in the VRA.... Examples of restrictions: "This includes criminalizing individuals and groups who help voters who can only apply for an absentee ballot with assistance, including incarcerated voters, disabled voters and senior citizen voters who require assistance. This cruel law penalizes actions as simple as accepting or giving gas money to take an absentee ballot application to a local election office with up to 20 years in prison...Alabama's law stands out as one of the harshest in the nation, particularly impacting historically marginalized communities.

https://campaignlegal.org/update/alabama-voters-and-nonpartisan-civic-engagement-groups-deserve-voice?fbclid=IwAR2MZdO8zwmIIEOaFqI-pQ_dsryMO3HPriKlnVXP2p5DKllqGBm3pJWpZ7M_aem_AbFR5POgan_K-X-P4HY-U6NJ3KUQFyyv_IMiCfdKr2Pzjs2FqqlHS3fbPuYTJq4zRMWwbBLU6aO-gwpArmZiiALK

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Political deepfakes are spreading like wildfire thanks to GenAI

Fore-warned is fore-armed. Specifically, about X [formerly Twitter] but applicable in other social media platforms.

"the volume of AI-generated disinformation — specifically deepfake images pertaining to elections — has been rising by an average of 130% per month on X (formerly Twitter) over the past year....

"There's a very real risk that the U.S. presidential election and other large democratic exercises this year could be undermined by zero-cost, AI-generated misinformation,"

https://techcrunch.com/2024/03/06/political-deepfakes-are-spreading-like-wildfire-thanks-to-genai/?fbclid=IwAR0c_dG8Rmr7vNWNkGhPBTL4ygHnze3zS5rh3LOcVJshiL5oM6RnFo1ow0s_aem_AbFCTfwFcqfBdLzrhJeNd5A9fw6Q4G672dYN3uVpmqHDy_v6RJCLr5vEKP6rW37R_d8LLzUms-u1MeaB1bZ6_P&guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly9sLmZhY2Vib29rLmNvbS8&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAABn35YHbYMIPXYoIzq8Bh8aaZTpIngiXuchd36NkzvD3XRNeG6UwLRg9z9gQQza0Zyjt1PSxyYDETTORqhtNJP8uG5VXuz7pnS4ZXz0TwLbnGvVJttJHe9JFf5np9PEQMbPd7d55FLMIVOKL_6C5k4-XaNpnRAuLw1YFSfql2psf

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How disinformation 'sabotages America'. WBUR podcast.

https://www.wbur.org/onpoint/2024/03/21/barbara-mcquade-disinformation-news-media-america-politics?fbclid=IwAR0A4aFE3B3vqPoPDjjVNy9tZ9gDwkujVknSfsPQeSKe9TppzCF6IDQuQs_aem_AbEK1S2sV-MpUSkV6KogpymU0s_n5ajjecSCExxKpuRcGz2iK5ivWB5-N51Rfs3XXbGAE3pl0dhqXIMKu_Bw5x4Y

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Another good one from WBUR – especially pertinent to Oregonians, who will be voting on this in November: **Could ranked-choice voting take the poison out of politics?**

https://www.wbur.org/onpoint/2024/03/19/could-ranked-choice-voting-take-the-poison-out-of-politics?fbclid=IwAR0IhIxCAKHmD2k5Cga-lcEfqSGjNqPq3O7X_EzhOYxlzTdf_XFie2Gzm8_aem_AbF0Maj0ghmzStBqotoxZnqC_9uqyJHN8N58DBR8J6dCnPXO0J

[JUXfyS36H6HmDwMOdWXb3Cgsog-8tJ9QNHQw](https://www.wbur.org/onpoint/2024/03/19/could-ranked-choice-voting-take-the-poison-out-of-politics?fbclid=IwAR0IhIxCAKHmD2k5Cga-lcEfqSGjNqPq3O7X_EzhOYxlzTdf_XFie2Gzm8_aem_AbF0Maj0ghmzStBqotoxZnqC_9uqyJHN8N58DBR8J6dCnPXO0J)

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Solutions to Our Affordable Housing Crisis: A Panel Discussion

From LWV-PDX. I was involved in setting up this forum. It's quite good, if I do say so myself!

Representative Mark Gamba, Oregon Legislature; Brian Hoop, Director, Housing Oregon; Dominique Merriweather (Dom), Executive Director, Proud Ground.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wFBqO7qzfCs&embeds_referring_euri=https%3A%2F%2Flwvpx.org%2F&embeds_referring_origin=https%3A%2F%2Flwvpx.org&source_ve_path=OTY3MTQ&feature=emb_imp_woyt

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

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

NEW Flyer describing workshops: https://static.s123-cdn-static-d.com/uploads/2516289/normal_65cbbf0327941.pdf