

Democracy, Civil Society, Social Movements, Elections Articles

1. Social Movements, Mobilizations, and Politics

[How Do We Change America?](#)

By Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor

New Yorker

[America, This Is Your Chance](#)

By Michelle Alexander

New York Times

[I Know Voting Feels Inadequate Right Now](#)

By Stacey Abrams

New York Times

[The Left Is Remaking the World](#)

By Amma Akbar

New York Times

[When Does Activism Become Powerful?](#)

By Hahrie Han

The New York Times

2. Civic Infrastructure, Civic Space, Civic Practice

[Where is civil society when you need it?](#)

By Michael Edwards

openDemocracy

[Equity in the Commons](#)

By Lynn Ross

Medium

[How Communities Lost Their Soul](#)

By Nicholas Boys Smith

UnHerd

[From Ancient Athens to the Town Hall: Can a New Wave of Deliberative Democracy Save the World?](#)

By Paul Rosenberg

Salon

[Democracy is a Habit: Practice It](#)

By Melvin Rogers

Boston Review

[Americans Aren't Practicing Democracy Anymore](#)

By Yoni Appelbaum

Atlantic

[Normcore](#)

By Jedidiah Britton-Purdy

Dissent

[Voting Alone](#)

By Marc Tracy

New York Times

[Want to Build Democracy? Then Build Libraries](#)

By NILANJANA ROY

Financial Times

[To Restore Civil Society, Start with the Library](#)

Erik Klinenberg

NY Times

[Bridging Divides: Reimagining the Public Library](#)

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Medium

[The Big Picture: Defending Open Cities](#)

By Saskia Sassen

Public Books

[Civility in Politics Is Harder Than You Think](#)

By Robert B. Talisse

The Conversation

[Is Forgiveness the Basis of a Healthy Democracy?](#)

by RAMIN JAHANBEGLOO

Zocalo Public Square

[Building Democratic Infrastructure](#)

By Hollie Russon Gilman, K. Sabeel Rahman, & Elena Souris

Stanford Social Innovation Review

3. Creative Engagement with Politics and the Public

[You Can't Count if You're Not Counted: Exhibition Explores Census in NYC](#)

The Mellon Foundation

[The Art of Voting](#)

Macalester College

4. Hopes and Concerns for Democracy and the Election

[Democracy Grief is Real](#)

By Michelle Goldberg

The New York Times

[Political Hobbyists are Ruining Politics](#)

By Eitan Hersh

Atlantic

[Trump's Digital Campaign](#)

By Thomas Edsall

NY Times

[The Last Time Democracy Almost Died](#)

By Jill Lepore

The New Yorker

[I asked people why they don't vote, and this is what they told me](#)

The Conversation

[The 10 Scariest Election Scenarios Ranked](#)

By Jeremy Stahl

Slate

[Does Anyone Really Change Their Votes?](#)

Politico.com

[On the Future, Americans Can Agree: It Doesn't Look Good](#)

By Lisa Lerner and Dave Umhoefer

NY Times

[Facism Scholar Says US Is "Losing Its Democratic Status"](#)

By Christianna Silva and James Doubek

NPR: All Things Considered

[Dear News Media, Stop Covering the U.S. as If It Were a Democracy](#)

By Rob Wijnberg

Correspondent

[10 Things You Need to Know to Stop a Coup](#)

By Daniel Hunter

Waging Nonviolence

[No, America is Not Succumbing to Fascism](#)

By Helmut Walther Smith

Washington Post

[Democracy, More Or Less](#)

By John Owen Havard

Public Books

[Voter Suppression is Back, 55 Years After the Voting Rights Act](#)

By Derrick Johnson

Politico

[Together, You Can Redeem the Soul of Our Nation](#)

By John Lewis

NY Times

5. Collections, Reflections, and Series on Democracy (Multiple Short Articles)

[Realizing Democracy](#)

Stanford Social Innovation Review

(Registration may be required, but it is worth the extra step)

[The Future of Democracy \(series keep scrolling down for articles\)](#)

The New Yorker

[Reimagine Democracy \(series\)](#)

The Progressive

[Our Common Purpose: Reimagining Democracy for the 21st Century](#)

Commission on the Practice of Democratic Citizenship

(See also [this interview](#) on the report)

[Is Democracy Dying?](#) (Series)

The Atlantic

6. Equity, Politics, and the Election

[5 Tips To Diversify Voter And Civic Engagement Spaces](#)

By Lidya Woldeyesus

Forbes

[The New Reconstruction](#)

By Adam Server

The Atlantic

[The Other Swing Voter](#)

By Ibram X. Kendi

The Atlantic

[The End of Black Politics](#)

By Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor

NY Times

[Membership, Citizenship, and Democracy](#)

By Robert Gooding Williams

Public Books

[The Willful Blindness of Reactionary Liberalism](#)

By Osita Nwanevu

New Republic

7. Higher Education, Public Scholarship, and Democracy

[The Need for Public Intellectuals in the Trump Era and Beyond: Strategies for Communication, Engagement, and Advocacy](#)

By Derek Alderman & Joshua Inwood

The Professional Geographer

[I'm a Historian. I See the Contingency of This Moment](#)

By Joanne Freeman

The Atlantic

[Welcome to Made by History](#)

The Washington Post [initiative](#)

8. Higher Education, Students, and Democracy

[The Children of 911 Are About Ready to Vote](#)

By Gerald Graff

Politico

[How Higher Education Empowers Student Voters](#)

By Hahrie Han

Inside Higher Ed

[The Student Vote is Surging, So Are Efforts to Suppress It](#)

New York Times

[It's Colleges' Job to Train Citizens: Higher Education Isn't Rising to the Challenge](#)

By Ronald J. Daniels

Washington Post

[Democracy is Under Duress](#)

By Valerie Smith and Jonathan Alger

Forbes

[College Political Activists Trade Door-Knocking for Apps to Register Voters](#)

By Shannon Bond

NPR: Morning Edition

[The Colleges Doing the Most to Get Their Students to Vote](#)

By the Editors of the Washington Monthly

[America's Best Colleges for Student Voting 2019](#)

By Daniel Block

Washington Monthly

[How to Get College Students to Vote](#)

By Elizabeth A. Bennion and Melissa R. Michelson

Chronicle of Higher Education

[Poll: Young People Believe They Can Lead Change in Unprecedented Election Cycle](#)

CIRCLE

[Graduating Students Into Voters](#)

[Sparking Civic Engagement](#)

Ideas 42

[Strengthening Democracy by Design: Challenges and Opportunities](#)

By Nancy L. Thomas and J. Kyle Upchurch

9. Voting Resources

[Plan Your Vote](#)

NBC News

[How to Vote in Your State](#)

Washington Post

[How to Vote in the 2020 Election](#)

By Nathaniel Rakich and Julia Wolfe

Project FiveThirtyEight

[How to Vote Modules](#)

Project Pericles

Useful resources for Supporting Voting

10. IDHE/ NSLVE resources (institute for Democracy in Higher Education)

[Elections Imperatives 2.0](#)

Institute for Democracy and Higher Education

Ten Recommendations to Increase College Student Voting and Improve Political Learning and Engagement in Democracy

[Elections Imperative 2020: A Time of Physical Distancing and Social Action](#)

Institute for Democracy and Higher Education

Supplemental work that focuses on the context of Covid and mobilizations

[Data Visualizations](#)

IDHE creates data visualizations and interactive tools that are designed to provide new ways of looking at data. Browse below to explore NSLVE data and more.

[2018 NSLVE Data](#)

[Democracy Imperatives Executive Summary](#)

2020 Vote Report

[Driving Voter Turnout in the 2020 Election: Research on Effective Messaging Strategies for Each Generation](#)

Ad Council and Democracy Works

