

Why should I vote?

How will this election affect students?

How can I hold politicians accountable?

How can politics help ethnic minorities?

What are some careers in the field of politics?

Vote yourself a raise this election. Learn how.

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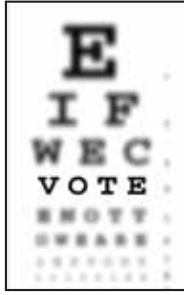
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THIS ELECTION VOTE YOURSELF A RAISE!

Vote YES on the ballot referendum to raise the New Jersey min wage to \$8.25/hr

Also in the 2013 election, every state level position opens for election including Assembly, State Senate and the governorship. Your federal and state elected officials have the ability to make improve, approve or eradicate the following issues:

- Protect the constitutional right of every US citizen to have one vote and get it counted
- Fund and enact The Amistad Act which calls for racially accurate history to be taught in NJ schools
- Food justice: eradicate urban food deserts and barriers to home & community gardening; ban of genetically modified foods (GMOs); make college food healthier and more affordable
- Reverse Citizens United ruling that gives corporations the status of personhood
- Take big money out of general elections (see rootstrikers.org)
- Save the open internet and protect it from takeover and control by corporate interests (see savetheinternet.com)
- Ban prison based gerrymandering which causes prison inmates' families to lose government resources in their home states and counties
- Stop privatization of schools, prisons, nursing homes and food services
- Moratorium on foreclosures to protect 1 in 4 Black & Latino families who are in danger of losing their homes
- Hold banks accountable for wrongful foreclosures, charging Blacks and Latinos higher mortgage interest rates, refusing to renegotiate underwater mortgages; and failing to provide maintenance on foreclosed homes – which contributes to the creation of urban blight zones
- Lower US prison population. We incarcerate almost 1% of American citizens, about 2.5 million individuals, whom are mostly Latinos and African Americans
- Protect civil rights including: ban racial profiling, stop unfounded searches and halt incarceration of non-criminal undocumented immigrants
- Achieve diversity of court justices on every level of the judicial system
- Transition to a green economy and protect clean air, water and the environment. Prevent climate change.
- Provide help to families with homes in foreclosure, the unemployed and the hungry
- Protect women's health, lives, career & STEM field opportunities, and the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act
- Hold major corporation and government agencies accountable for diversity in hiring and the awarding of small business contracts
- Make minimum wage equal a living wage and protect American jobs. Vote yes to the NJ 2013 ballot referendum to raise min wage to \$8.25/hr!
- Expand the scope of the new federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau it protects against financial institutions enacting excessive credit rate hikes or provide misleading information about credit terms and fees
- Protect Obamacare and fund affordable community health centers
- Continue the Deferred Action program & pass the DREAM Act for undocumented immigrant youth; enact comprehensive immigration reform
- Increase support for Historically Black Colleges and Minority Serving Institutions and protect public education
- End government subsidies to big banks and dirty fuel companies. Invest more in public education and health.
- Maintain affordable interest rates on student loans (impacts 140,000 NJ students) and lower college tuition.
- Increase the amount of Pell grant dollars available for low-income students Track Congressional bills

FACT CHECK & OTHER USEFUL RESOURCES

Track Congress' Activities <http://govtrack.us> Congressional District Changes <http://My2012District.com>
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau <http://consumerfinance.gov> Snopes <http://snopes.com>
White House <http://whitehouse.gov> Small Business Administration <http://sba.gov>
Politifact's Truth-O-Meter <http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/rulings/pants-fire/>
Truth Out (news) <http://truthout.org> American Civil Liberties Union <http://aclu.org>
Center for Media Justice <http://centerformediajustice.org> Free Press <http://freepress.net>
Save the Internet <http://savetheinternet.com> Electronic Frontier Foundation <http://eff.org>
Take Aim At Climate Change Video <http://takeaimatclimatechange.org> The Green Wei <http://greenwei.org>
Rain Forest Action Network <http://rainforestactionnetwork.org> Rootstrikers <http://rootstrikers.org>
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