

CONNECTICUT HAS NEW PROTECTIONS AGAINST VOTER INTIMIDATION, OBSTRUCTION, DECEPTION AND RACIALLY DISCRIMINATORY VOTER SUPPRESSION

Heading into the November 2024 election, learn how to use new tools to protect your right to vote.

The John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act of Connecticut, known as the CTVRA, sets a new standard for protecting voters of color.

LEARN ABOUT ALL THE KEY PROVISIONS OF THE CTVRA

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What is voter intimidation and obstruction, and what are some examples?

Voter intimidation occurs when someone does or says something that makes you feel unsafe about exercising your right to vote.

Voter obstruction occurs when someone prevents or makes it more difficult for you to vote.

■ Examples of voter intimidation or obstruction include:

- Using threats or harassment to pressure you into voting a certain way or not voting at all
- Physically blocking roads or pathways to access polling places
- Phone calls claiming negative consequences for voting, like having your information accessed by law enforcement, credit card companies, or immigration authorities

What is voter deception, and what are some examples?

Voter deception occurs when someone uses false information to trick or confuse you about the voting process.

■ Examples of voter deception include:

- Falsely telling voters they can vote on Wednesday when the election is on Tuesday
- Falsely telling voters they are not eligible because of an arrest
- Falsely telling voters that only members of a particular political party can vote at a certain location
- Generally spreading lies about election details or misinformation about who is eligible, when polls are open, or where to vote

What is voter suppression, and what are some examples?

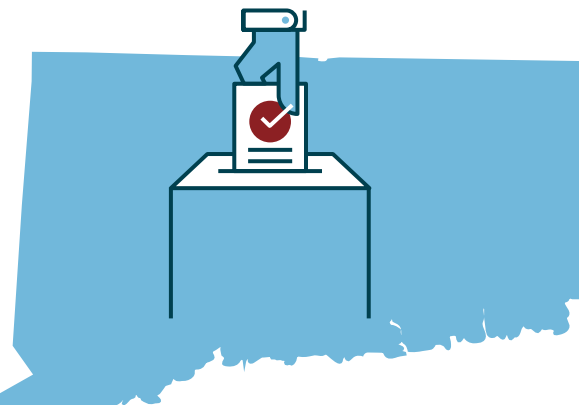
Discriminatory voter suppression refers to laws and practices that make it harder for voters of color to cast ballots, compared to other voters.

■ Examples of voter suppression include:

- Polling place closures in Black or other communities of color
- Longer lines in Black or other communities of color
- Removing voters from the rolls in a racially discriminatory fashion

How does the CTVRA protect against voter intimidation, deception, obstruction, and suppression?

- The CTVRA bans voter intimidation, deception, and obstruction no matter who does it – including private individuals, campaigns, law enforcement, or other officials.
- The CTVRA empowers voters, organizations that represent voters, and the Connecticut Attorney General to sue any person or group engaged in intimidation, deception, or obstruction to prevent the harm or hold them accountable.
- The CTVRA instructs courts to take action to prevent or fix acts of intimidation, deception, and obstruction, which may include issuing a legally enforceable order to stop, providing more time to vote, or making the bad actor give money damages to the voter.
- The CTVRA also empowers voters, organizations that represent voters, and the Connecticut Attorney General to sue local governments or officials engaged in discriminatory voter suppression and instructs courts to take action to fix the problem.



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FIGHT BACK AGAINST VOTER INTIMIDATION, DECEPTION, OBSTRUCTION, AND SUPPRESSION DURING THIS YEAR'S ELECTIONS.

What should I do if I see or experience voter intimidation, deception, obstruction, or suppression in 2024?

- **Document what you saw** or experienced in as much detail as possible—write down dates and times, take pictures, etc.
- **Call a voter protection hotline or email ACLU-CT for assistance**
 - Election Protection at **866-OUR-VOTE** (866-687-8683).
 - Assistance available in Spanish at **888-VE-Y-VOTA** (888- 839-8682).
 - Assistance available in Arabic at **844-YALLA-US** (844-915-5187).
 - Assistance available in Asian languages at **888-API-VOTE** (1-888-274-8683).
 - American Sign Language video line is available at **301-818-VOTE** (301-818-8683).
 - Contact the ACLU of Connecticut at **info@acluct.org**.
- **Notify your local election officials.**
 - Report intimidation to the moderator of your polling place. If you are unsure who the moderator is, ask an official poll worker.
- **Notify state officials**
 - Call the State Elections Enforcement Commission's Election Day Hotline at **1-866-SEEC-INFO** (1-866-733-2463); email **elections@ct.gov**; or file a formal complaint with the State Elections Enforcement Commission at bit.ly/CTElectionComplaintForm.