Civics of Justice Statewide Training

Tuesday, September 29, 2020 @ 6:30pm
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POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

DEMOCRACY NC
WE'RE A NONPARTISAN NONPROFIT WORKING TO BUILD A POLITICAL SYSTEM THAT WORKS FOR ALL.
I HAVE QUESTIONS. WHAT DO I DO?

THE CHAT BOX IS YOUR FRIEND.

We have questions too:

- Who you are
- Where are you (city or county)
- Why are you here (to be helped, help others or both?)
WHAT YOU GET:

• Panelist Contacts: check the chat
• Resource Links: check the chat
• LIVE Q&A: see option below
• Next steps: ways to act now
• Share out: check your email

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• Center the roles police brutality, racial injustice, and the loss of Black lives have in this election.

• Address relationships between what's on the ballot and these important issues.

• Understand how voters can push back to take our power back together and drive civic participation.

• Discuss ways to help our community understand our 2020 voting options and increase voter turnout.

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In order to ensure everyone has what we need to survive and thrive we must be able to participate in democratic processes on an equal basis.

That’s how we choose (and/or become) leaders we trust to represent us, how we give our representatives the information they need to make decisions in our collective best interest, and hold those leaders accountable when their actions harm us and the environment that sustains us.

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When people are systemically excluded from democratic processes, as Black people have been for centuries, harm, injustice and violence in all forms is all but inevitable.

We are seeing that in the disproportionate rates of Black people suffering harm and death due to COVID-19 and police violence, but also in the desperation that has driven so many people into the streets during a pandemic, and in the hopelessness many people feel watching [politicians] abuse power they gained after winning amidst widespread voter suppression.

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Based on a UNC-Chapel Hill analysis of NC traffic stops from 2000-2016, **Black drivers were 63% more likely to be stopped by police than white drivers even though, as a whole, Blacks drive 16% less.**

Taking into account less time on the road, Black drivers were about 95% more likely to be stopped. **Black drivers were also 115% more likely than whites to be searched at a stop.**

In 2016, the Sentencing Project estimated that **91,179 North Carolinians were disenfranchised due to a felony conviction** — almost half of whom were Black.

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CASE STUDY
FAYETTEVILLE, NC

Residents in Fayetteville, the birthplace of George Floyd, have taken to the streets in 2020 to win police accountability and defend their community. Repeated protests since Summer 2020 have elevated demands of groups like Fayetteville PACT (Police Accountability Community Taskforce) and the Ville’s Voice, while also grabbing the City Council’s attention. Fayetteville PACT has organized around an independent civil police oversight board and has also demanded an end to cash bail and COVID-19 protections for people incarcerated at the Cumberland County Detention Center.

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Voting is only the beginning, but it is a beginning.
Contact your local officials.
Show up at public meetings.
Center speaking up.

Get in Good Trouble.

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WHATS ON THE BALLOT?

- **Mayors** are on the ballot in 2020.
- City/Town **Councils** are on the ballot in 2020.
- County **Commissions** are on the ballot in 2020.
- **Judges** are on the ballot in 2020.
- The **Governor** is on the ballot in 2020.
- The **Attorney General** is on the ballot in 2020.
- **State legislators** are on the ballot in 2020.
- U.S. **Senators and Representatives** in 2020.

And of course, the President is on the ballot in 2020.

We must build a connection for our communities between voting and justice in 2020.
IN 2020, IT'S ALL ABOUT OPTIONS.

• make a plan to vote early

• If you vote by mail, follow directions carefully

• If you vote in-person, know your there are more (and safer) options

• this year's results may take time

• protecting our elections has never been more important

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Can you tell me more what's going to be inspiring
CHANGE REQUIRES VOTER JUSTICE.
WE MUST RECLAIM OUR POWER AS VOTERS.

Overcoming generations of voter suppression policies targeting Black, brown, young, low-income and/or disabled voters will require us to combine our protests with efforts to help people overcome unnecessary barriers to voting.

We can lobby for and educate our communities about safe voting options to protect Black voters from both COVID-19 and intimidation by violent racists.

States must ensure they offer safe accommodations to ensure free, fair, and safe voting conditions for Black voters and everyone else.

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CHANGE REQUIRES VOTER PROTECTION.
WE MUST PROVIDE FREEDOM FROM INTIMIDATION.

All polling places and their immediate surroundings must be gun-free zones and to completely avoid intimidation, police-free zones.

Officials must work to stop efforts by political operatives and extremist groups to intimidate or mislead Black voters and suppress Black turnout.

To prevent the actions of emboldened white supremacists, local officials regardless of political affiliation must clearly declare their commitment to vigorously defend the civil rights of Black voters and anyone else targeted by hate groups in their jurisdictions.

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JOIN THE #WEVOTE SQUAD
AND HELP 5-10 PEOPLE IN YOUR NETWORK "MAKE A PLAN"

**STEP 1**
Check your friends' and family's voter registration statuses.

**STEP 2**
Help them make a plan to vote — in person or from home.

**STEP 3**
Follow-up closer to the election to help them follow through.

Start by pledging to vote yourself at demnc.co/squad
How can you get involved right now?

With the 17-day in-person Early Voting period beginning Oct. 15 through Oct. 31, there's no time like the present to support voting where you live!

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