

Your Vote Counts



Friends Committee on
National Legislation

Less than 52% of eligible voters cast ballots in the presidential election in 2000... and less than 25% of the voting age population voted for the candidate who took office...

VOTE 2004 is a nonpartisan issue-focused voter education and voter registration campaign leading up to the presidential and congressional elections in November 2004.

The future of democracy in the U.S. depends upon your informed active participation, and voting is one of the simplest, yet most important ways that you can participate. The decisions made by our elected officials have a profound effect both upon the quality of life in this country and upon the lives of people around the world.

The military and economic power of the U.S. affects people and communities everywhere. As Americans we have the right and the obligation to choose carefully the individuals who will govern the country.

Small numbers of votes can and do tip elections—currently, eight U.S. senators were elected to office with less than a 50% plurality. Unless more people get out and **VOTE**, our government will become increasingly remote from the people it is meant to serve and more beholden to special interests.

You can help elect legislators who consider issues thoughtfully and respect your views...**VOTE!**

You can help keep the democratic process viable in this year's election and in the future by joining in this nonpartisan effort...**VOTE!**

FCNL Public Service Announcements (PSAs) and radio news releases are scripted to increase voter registration and voter turnout and attract listener attention with nonpartisan issues of vital importance. To help inform the public about critical election issues, powerful new PSAs encouraging voter registration have been produced and are being aired nationally.

“Sneak and peek.” That’s what the government can do. Search your home, see your private e-mails, and never tell you they’ve done it. What can we do? VOTE. They can also look at your library, medical, and financial records. What can we do? VOTE.

Social Security, Medicare...will they be there for you? Many worry that a runaway military budget and tax cuts for the wealthy may jeopardize your benefits. What can you do? VOTE.

FCNL's PSA's and news releases available at www.fcnl.org



Join FCNL's **VOTE 2004** Campaign Today

Actions You Can Take

1. If you have moved to a new community and have not yet registered to vote, do so today!
2. Encourage everyone you know to register to vote, and to vote.
3. Work with religious congregations and community groups to encourage 100% voter participation in the presidential and congressional elections.
4. Distribute this brochure and **VOTE 2004** lapel pins in your community to help raise awareness of the need to register to vote and to vote. Use the tear off coupon to order as many as you can distribute.
5. Listen to the FCNL PSAs (at www.fcnl.org) and ask your local radio stations to play them.
6. Learn about candidates running for office and their positions on issues you care about. Make an informed choice.
7. Make your views known through your local newspaper. This encourages candidates to address your concerns.
8. Volunteer on Election Day to drive voters to polls. Be a poll watcher or an election judge.
9. Make a donation to FCNL's **VOTE 2004** Campaign.

Click on **VOTE 2004** at FCNL.ORG

On the FCNL Website You Can

- Link to voter registration pages in every state.
- Compare the candidates' positions on important issues ranging from Civil Liberties to Nuclear Weapons.
- Find out who is running for office in your city, state, and nation. Link to biographies, contact and volunteer information, and candidates' statements on important issues.
- Listen to the FCNL PSAs and download them for distribution.
- Listen to or download FCNL's radio news releases on current critical issues.
- Use letter-writing tools in the Legislative Action Center to speed your concerns to candidates and local media.
- Order FCNL **VOTE 2004** lapel pins, brochures and other resources.
- Link to other organizations working on non-partisan voter registration, issue education, and get out the vote efforts.



Use the tear-off coupon to order lapel pins and more brochures to distribute. No charge, donations appreciated.

Quakers believe that the aim of government is to preserve a community in which justice, peace, good order and individual development are possible. The free institutions under which we live give many of our members a direct share in the responsibilities of government and in forming a healthy public opinion.

Faith and Practice,
Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Friends, 1988.

The Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) is a nonpartisan Quaker lobby in the public interest founded in 1943, devoted to furthering the causes of international peace and social justice at home and abroad. FCNL is committed to working with all elected and other government officials at the federal level. We take no positions for or against particular candidates for elected office, and we don't support one political party over any other. FCNL's lobbying and educational programs for peace and social justice rely on the dedicated involvement of citizens all over the country.

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