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LETTER FROM THE BOARD

Defending the Constitution

This is a moment of great challenge for our country. The Constitution and the rule of law face new and unnerving threats. The Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law plays a pivotal and unique role in the fight for our ideals.

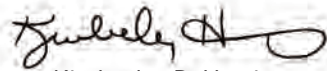
The nonpartisan Brennan Center is a think tank, rooting its work in rigorous research and cutting-edge social science. It is an advocacy group in the courts, legislatures, and the halls of Congress. And it is a communications hub, providing credible and independent expert analysis.

Amid intense polarization, it is vital to work across ideological lines. In 2025 the Brennan Center partnered with conservative and progressive allies, experts, and former government officials in a broad civic campaign for the rule of law. We strengthened our Board of Directors, bringing on prominent former top legal officials from Republican and Democratic administrations.

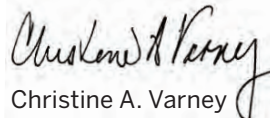
The Brennan Center continues in its lead role working to protect the freedom to vote. We are proud that *The Guardian* called us “the foremost non-partisan organization devoted to voting rights and voting reform.” Going forward, nothing is more important.

We are proud to lead the Board of the Brennan Center. Its staff are skilled, dedicated, and committed to the nation’s ideals.

We are deeply grateful to our supporters for making this work possible. The Brennan Center receives no funds from government or our partners at NYU School of Law. We are entirely supported by 40,000 donors from across the country who care about the rule of law. Your commitment gives us the wind at our backs.



Kimberley D. Harris
Co-chair, Board of Directors



Christine A. Varney
Co-chair, Board of Directors



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Checks, Balances, and Democracy

At the founding, Thomas Paine wrote: “In America, the law is king.” We are finding out if that is still true.

In 2025, the Constitution and the rule of law endured an unprecedented assault. Troops in the streets. Political prosecutions. Lawless executive orders. Attacks on law firms, universities, immigrants, and civil society. And more. Yet by year’s end, it became clear that there was a response, a robust and increasingly effective movement to defend our core values.

The Brennan Center for Justice plays a critical role in this fight for American democracy. We were made for this moment.

In 2025 we pursued three broad strategies.

First, we responded to the executive power grab — the great constitutional issue of our time. Our scholars and advocates have the leading expertise in emergency powers used and abused by presidents. We worked with conservative and progressive allies to file dozens of friend-of-the-court briefs in key cases — culminating in the landmark ruling that blocked President Trump’s illegal imposition of worldwide tariffs.

Second, we fought for free and fair elections. Journalists, lawmakers, allies, and courts look to us for our credible nonpartisan expertise. Over the summer, we first blew the whistle on a concerted drive to undermine the vote. Donald Trump has his plan — so do we.

The Brennan Center led the national campaign against the SAVE Act. Our research

showed this bill would block tens of millions from registering and voting. The House passed the measure, but it stalled in the Senate after our advocacy campaign. The fight continues into the new year.

Then, when an executive order purported to take personal control of elections, we and others successfully sued to block it. “The states have initial authority to regulate elections,” the judge wrote. “Congress has supervisory authority over those regulations. The President does not feature at all.”

We enlisted law enforcement. We hired former top federal cyber experts to consult with state and county officials. When the Justice Department tried to Hoover up sensitive voter data all over the country, we trained state lawyers on how to respond — and courts have rejected the move.

Our conclusion: America can have free and fair elections in 2026 — if we fight for them. Our motto is “Don’t despair, prepare.”

But that is not enough. This is a time of public disquiet, distrust of institutions, a rising call for change. What will count is not what we are against, but what we are for. The country craves innovative solutions and bold reforms. We must think anew.

So finally, the Brennan Center again is emerging as a hub for innovative policy development. Our Kohlberg Center on the U.S. Supreme Court advances proposals for an 18-year term limit for justices. We have advanced bold new



steps to fight corruption and curb big money in politics. A new partnership with Fisk University, an esteemed HBCU in Nashville, will provide research and policy development in the South. We highlight prison reforms that work around the country. Our Future of the Constitution Project aims to craft an alternative to cramped originalism. And much more.

To advance this work we have redoubled our focus on a creative, cutting-edge communications strategy. We have earned trust from traditional media. Now our newsletters have 500,000 subscribers, seven million people visit our website each year, and podcasts and “vertical videos” reach millions more. Our Spanish language media platforms extend that reach. We work with influencers and content creators to educate new audiences.

There is a hunger for facts, for insight, for expertise, and information — and we work to meet it. The 190-person staff of the Brennan Center took to this challenge with focus, commitment, and spirit.

We are grateful for the support of our generous donors. You make our work possible.

This is our nation’s 250th anniversary. We take heart from something Thomas Paine wrote at the conclusion of *Common Sense*: “We have it in our power to begin the world over again.”

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Waldman".

Michael Waldman
President and CEO



The Brennan
Center works
to build an
America that
is democratic,
just, and free —

...for *all*.

OUR WORK IN 2025

Protecting Free and Fair Elections

In recent years American elections were secure and accurate. Election officials, law enforcement, and civil society banded together across party lines. The system held.

In 2025 a new threat emerged: the federal government itself.

The president and his administration launched a concerted strategy to undermine American elections.





1M+
views of our expert website analyses

1.5M
views through our outreach with social media influencers

50,000+
constituent emails and phone calls to members of Congress

2.2M
views of a single Brennan Center X post

Blocking the SAVE Act

We lead opposition to the SAVE Act, an egregious voter suppression bill that would effectively require Americans to produce a passport or birth certificate to register. Our research shows at least 21 million citizens lack ready access to those documents. Millions more married women who have changed their names could face additional barriers. Elections could be thrown into chaos.

OUR RESPONSE

We launched **precision-targeted digital ads**, **met with lawmakers**, and held **extensive congressional staff briefings** and press conferences with civil rights and grassroots allies.

OUR IMPACT

SAVE passed the House in 2025. The result of our robust public education and advocacy drive: When it reached the Senate, Minority Leader Charles Schumer declared the bill “dead on arrival.” A version of the bill again passed the House in early 2026 and is now before the Senate. We have revived our advocacy campaign in full force. The fight continues.

“Our Constitution entrusts Congress and the States — not the President — with the power to regulate federal elections.”

U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly in *League of Women Voters v. Trump*

Fighting Trump’s Attempt to Take Over Elections

In March 2025, President Trump signed an executive order purporting to take personal control of elections in the United States. It sought to require Americans to produce a passport to register to vote using the federal form and would have led to decertification of most voting machines. It even ordered states to provide sensitive voter information to Elon Musk’s DOGE.

OUR RESPONSE

Together with allies, **we sued** on behalf of the League of Women Voters.

OUR IMPACT

On October 31, **we won our suit** to block the worst parts of this power grab. The legal fight will continue.

Protecting Election Security

In 2025, the Trump administration purged the federal government’s election security operation. If Washington won’t protect elections, the Brennan Center will.

OUR RESPONSE

We hired the U.S. Navy’s former cyber chief and two top White House security officials to help lead what we call the “Situation Room” — **25 intelligence experts, attorneys, technologists, election administrators, former military, and law enforcement officials who meet monthly** to monitor and respond to emerging risks. A first step: Our experts trained hundreds of lawyers representing local officials from around the country on how to respond to improper federal demands.

And we’re filling in a key missing piece, producing **state-by-state guides** to help officials navigate laws governing election interference.



Enlisting Law Enforcement

The Committee for Safe and Secure Elections (CSSE) brings together law enforcement and election officials. We organized it in 2021 with the conservative group R Street and others. CSSE has become a major force on election security.

OUR RESPONSE

The coalition has conducted **more than 200 trainings** in 40 states to help law enforcement prepare for the vote and deter political violence.

On Election Day, police across the country carried **100,000 pocket guides** we drafted explaining how to protect elections.

This work continued in 2025 — especially around the off-year contests in New Jersey, Virginia, and California. With the federal government in retreat and possibly a threat, the demand for this work has grown significantly. Already, CSSE has planned **100 sessions** around the country for 2026.

Fighting for Representation

A new Supreme Court ruling may demolish the remaining effectiveness of the Voting Rights Act, perhaps the nation's most successful civil rights law.

OUR RESPONSE

In *Louisiana v. Callais*, which the Court heard in October, our scholars urged the justices to understand the historical significance of the law and its impact on democracy.

We convened civil rights group leaders and litigators to map next steps should the Court act. A misguided ruling could devastate representation for voters of color, tilt partisan outcomes, and lead to a new frenzy of gerrymandering.

Protecting the Vote

In 2020, election denial efforts focused on pandemic-era vote by mail. In 2024, it appeared the greatest threat would seek to deny certification of elections. Now, the effort to undermine the election increasingly focuses on data: an unprecedented and unlawful effort by the federal government to Hoover up sensitive voter files.

OUR RESPONSE

We monitored and exposed the Justice Department's demands to 48 states and Washington, DC, for sensitive and confidential voter files. **State attorney general offices rely on our widely cited tracker.**

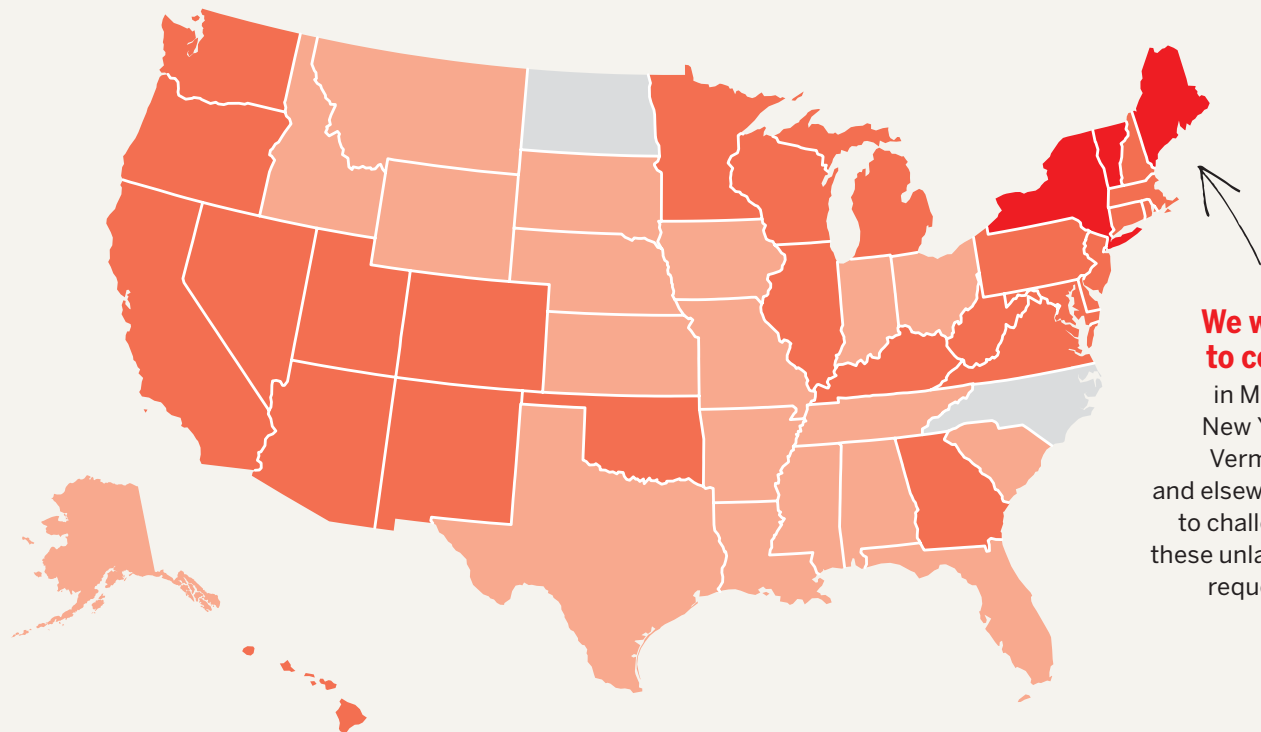
We went to court in multiple states to challenge these unlawful requests.

OUR IMPACT

Three federal courts, so far, **have ruled that the federal government has no power to obtain these records.**

After the FBI raided election offices in Fulton County, Georgia, our video explainer garnered nearly **500,000 views in a week.**

Tracking the Justice Department's demands to 48 states to provide sensitive and confidential voter files.



● States that have received requests for their complete voter registration lists from the DOJ.

● Sued by the DOJ for not providing complete voter list, including driver's license numbers and partial Social Security numbers.

We went to court in Maine, New York, Vermont, and elsewhere to challenge these unlawful requests.

OUR WORK IN 2025

Countering Abuses of Presidential Power

The great constitutional issue of 2025 was the extraordinary bid to expand presidential power. The executive sought to vastly widen its authority, upending checks and balances and overriding the rule of law. We mobilized to respond. Our years of expertise on emergency powers have proved highly relevant, as President Trump declared a record nine emergencies in one year alone.



Alien Enemies Act

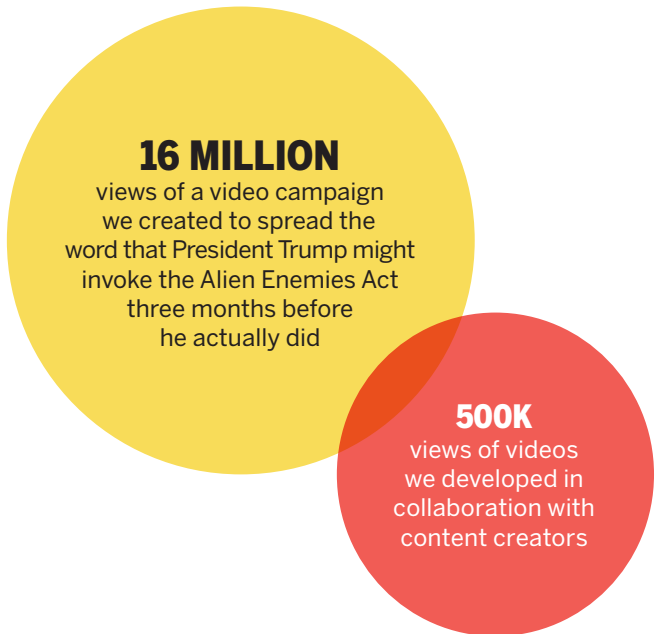
The Alien Enemies Act is the last remaining part of the Alien and Sedition Acts. A wartime law, it was used only during the War of 1812, World War I, and most notoriously to detain Japanese and other foreign nationals during World War II. Now, in peacetime, the government used it to detain and deport Venezuelans without due process, claiming an “invasion.”

OUR RESPONSE

Our experts educated the media, briefed Congress, and participated in litigation. Together with the libertarian Cato Institute, we urged a federal appeals court to rule that this use of **the Alien Enemies Act is illegal**.

OUR IMPACT

The court agreed. The ruling’s sole dissent devoted 10 pages attempting to rebut our brief. The Supreme Court will likely hear the case in 2026.



“All it does is virtually guarantee that innocent people will also be deported.”

Elizabeth Goitein on C-SPAN



“A wartime authority cannot be used for peacetime immigration enforcement.”

Katherine Yon Ebright on CBS News



Constitution Crisis Litigation Project

More than 150 federal trial courts acted to block or blunt President Trump's abuses of executive authority. But appeals courts and the Supreme Court loomed: more ideological, more political, and more willing to embrace executive power.

OUR RESPONSE

We mobilized attorneys from across the organization, aided by pro bono support from a number of law firms, to draft or coordinate dozens of friend-of-the-court briefs in these high-stakes cases. Issues included the impoundment of congressionally appropriated funds, the Constitution's guarantee of birthright citizenship, the dismantling of agencies, and the firing of independent agency heads.

We represented **157 members of Congress** challenging the administration's attempts to freeze federal funding across the board, and Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR) and other lawmakers challenging the firing of two members of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board.

Our Historians Council of top scholars challenged misguided use of history. One brief, in the case involving the illegal attempt to fire Federal Reserve Governor Lisa Cook, was **debated extensively at the Supreme Court.**

Fighting Illegal Tariffs

Presidents do not have unilateral power to impose sweeping global tariffs. President Trump’s “Liberation Day” plan upended markets and raised trade barriers to their highest level since the 1930s — all without congressional approval.

OUR RESPONSE

The Brennan Center **filed five briefs** challenging that power grab, beginning with a case brought by the conservative New Civil Liberties Alliance.

OUR IMPACT

Federal courts repeatedly agreed. Former federal judge Michael McConnell described the litigation as “the most **significant case on presidential power** since the steel seizure case in 1952.”

In February 2026 in a **6 to 3 decision**, the Supreme Court held that Trump’s tariffs exceeded his authority under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act.

“For what more momentous controversy might the Court be hoarding the prestige that enables it to do its duty to police the excesses of the political branches?”

— Washington Post columnist **George F. Will** lauding our brief



<p>The Supreme Court agreed: President Trump can't impose sweeping global tariffs.</p> <p>We filed five briefs challenging this power grab.</p>	<p>IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA PENSACOLA DIVISION</p> <p>EAILY LEV PAPER, INC., d/b/a SIMPLIFIED, et al., Plaintiffs, vs. DONALD J. TRUMP, et al., Defendants.</p> <p>Case No. 25-00661-TKW-ZCB</p> <p>FILED</p> <p>UNOPPOSED MOTION OF THE BRENNAN CENTER FOR JUSTICE FOR LEAVE TO FILE BRIEFS AMICUS CURIAE</p> <p>The Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law (the "Brennan Center") respectfully seeks the Court's leave to file the attached brief of amicus curiae in support of Plaintiff's opposition to Defendant's motion to transfer the case to the Court of International Trade.</p> <p>The Brennan Center is a nonprofit, non-partisan law and public policy</p>	<p>No. 25-3493</p> <p>IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT</p> <p>THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM, Plaintiffs-Appellants, vs. DONALD J. TRUMP, et al., Defendants-Appellees.</p> <p>On Appeal from the United States District Court for the Northern District of California No. 25-00661-TKW-ZCB</p> <p>FILED</p> <p>BRIEF OF THE BRENNAN CENTER FOR JUSTICE AS AMICUS CURIAE IN SUPPORT OF APPELLANTS</p> <p>Elizabeth Goitein Lish J. Tulin Hannah James BRENNAN CENTER FOR JUSTICE AT NYU SCHOOL OF LAW 1140 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 1150 Washington, DC 20036 Phone: (202) 249-7192 goitein@brennan.law.nyu.edu</p>
<p>KIEV LAW OFFICES LORIS KEVIL (602)91 2121 BROADWAY STREET, UNIT 3 SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94111 TELEPHONE: (415) 425-2653 (KLOL) KLOL@KIEVLAW.COM</p> <p>Counsel for Amicus Curiae the Brennan Center for Justice</p> <p>FILED</p> <p>UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION</p> <p>State of California, et al., Plaintiffs, vs. Donald J. Trump, in his official capacity as President of the United States, et al., Defendants.</p> <p>Case No. 25-cv-03372-JSC</p> <p>BRIEF OF AMICUS CURIAE THE BRENNAN CENTER FOR JUSTICE IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS</p>	<p>Nos. 24-1287 & 25-250</p> <p>IN THE Supreme Court of the United States</p> <p>LEARNING RESOURCES, INC., ET AL., Petitioners, vs. DONALD J. TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, ET AL., Respondents.</p> <p>JAMES J. SIMP, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, ET AL., Petitioners, vs. U.S. SELECTORS, INC., et al., Respondents.</p> <p>On Writ of Certiorari Before Judgment to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and On Writ of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit</p> <p>BRIEF OF AMICUS CURIAE THE BRENNAN CENTER FOR JUSTICE IN SUPPORT OF PETITIONERS IN NO. 24-1287 AND RESPONDENTS IN NO. 25-250</p> <p>Lish J. Tulin Counsel of Record Elizabeth Goitein Katherine Von Ehrig</p>	<p>Nos. 25-1812, 25-1813</p> <p>IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT</p> <p>V.O.S. SELECTORS, INC., PLASTIC SERVICES AND PRODUCTS, LLC, DHA GEMSONA PIPE MANUFACTURERS, L.L.C., PIP USA INC., THREE PITCHERS CYCLING, L.L.C., Plaintiffs-Appellants, vs. DONALD J. TRUMP, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, ET AL., PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, PETER R. FLORES, SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS ACTING COMMISSIONER OF THE UNITED STATES CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, JAMESON GREER, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, HOWARD LUTSOSKI, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, UNITED STATES CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, Defendants-Appellees.</p> <p>STATE OF OREGON, STATE OF ARIZONA, STATE OF COLORADO, STATE OF CONNECTICUT, STATE OF DELAWARE, STATE OF ILLINOIS, STATE OF MAINE, STATE OF MINNESOTA, STATE OF NEVADA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, STATE OF NEW YORK, STATE OF VERMONT, Plaintiffs-Appellees.</p> <p>vs. PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, KEVIN NORRIS, SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, UNITED STATES CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, ROSEMARY S. SCOTT, COMMISSIONER FOR UNITED STATES CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS COMMISSIONER</p>



The Brennan Center was a first call placed by every major media outlet seeking expert analysis.

ABA Journal, ABC News Live, Arizona Republic, Associated Press, CBS Evening News Plus, CBS News, Chicago Sun, CNN, Courthouse News Service, Defense One, Democracy Now!, Forbes, The Hill, The Intercept, Just Security, Just Security Podcast, Katie Couric (Substack podcast), Lawfare Daily Podcast, The Miami Herald, MSNBC, The Nation, National Journal, The New Yorker, The New York Times, NPR, NPR's 1A, NPR's Morning Edition, PBS NewsHour, PolitiFact, Roll Call, Stateline, Texas Public Radio, The Atlantic, The Christian Science Monitor, U.S. News & World Report, USA Today, Vanity Fair, Verify, Vox, Vox's Today, Explained Podcast, Washington Post, WBUR's Here & Now, WNYC's On the Media, among others.

Troops in the Streets

Throughout the year, the administration inserted the military into routine law enforcement in unprecedented ways. As protests over ICE raids grew, it federalized and deployed California National Guard forces and active-duty Marines in Los Angeles. President Trump later escalated his domestic military use by asserting control over policing in Washington, DC, deploying the National Guard, bringing in out-of-state forces, and surging federal agents onto the streets.

OUR RESPONSE

We **coordinated a legal campaign** supporting Governor Gavin Newsom's response.

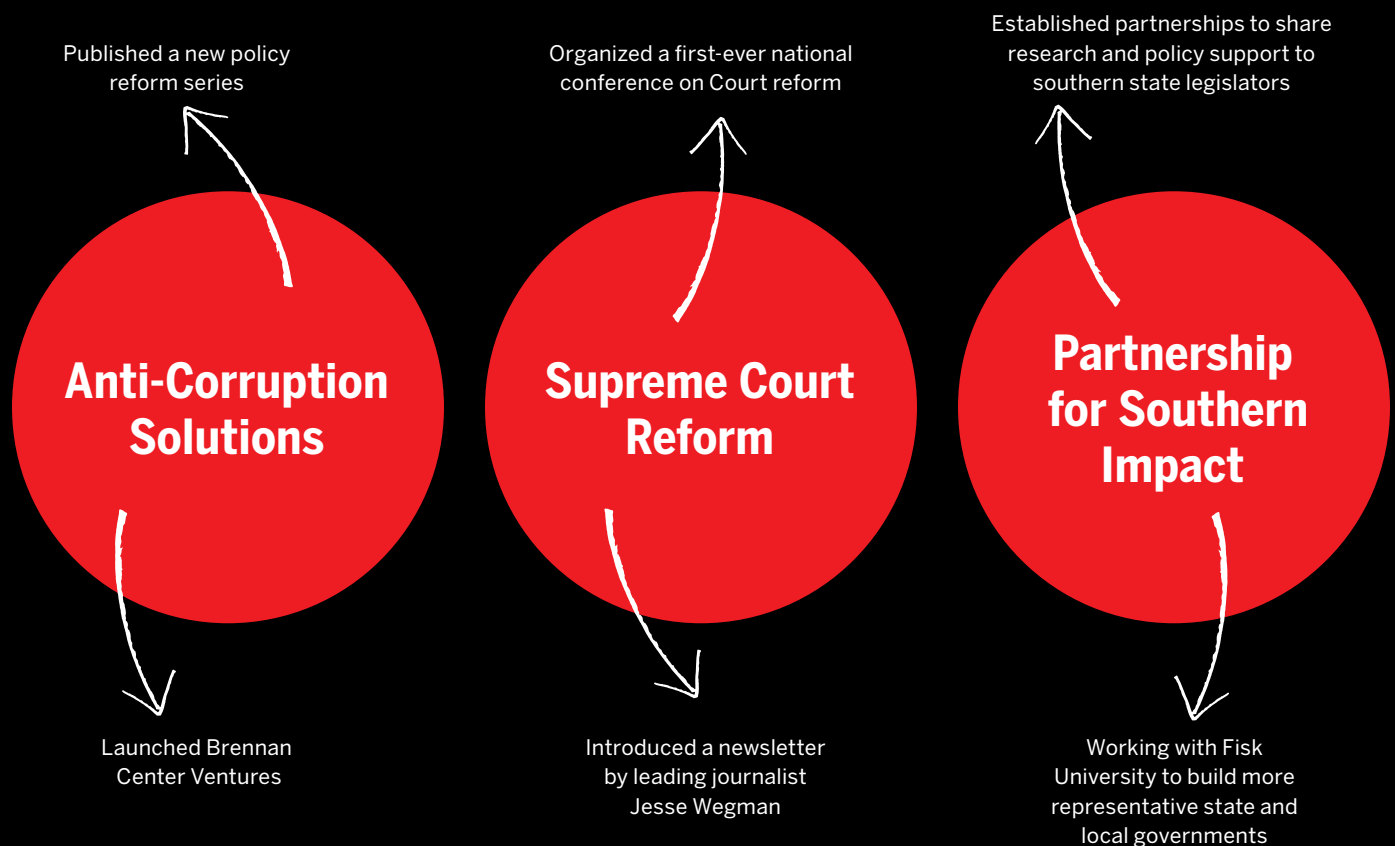
Our experts became a **first call for major media outlets** and published widely cited analyses.

We began to **build support in Congress** to strengthen the laws against misuse of the military.

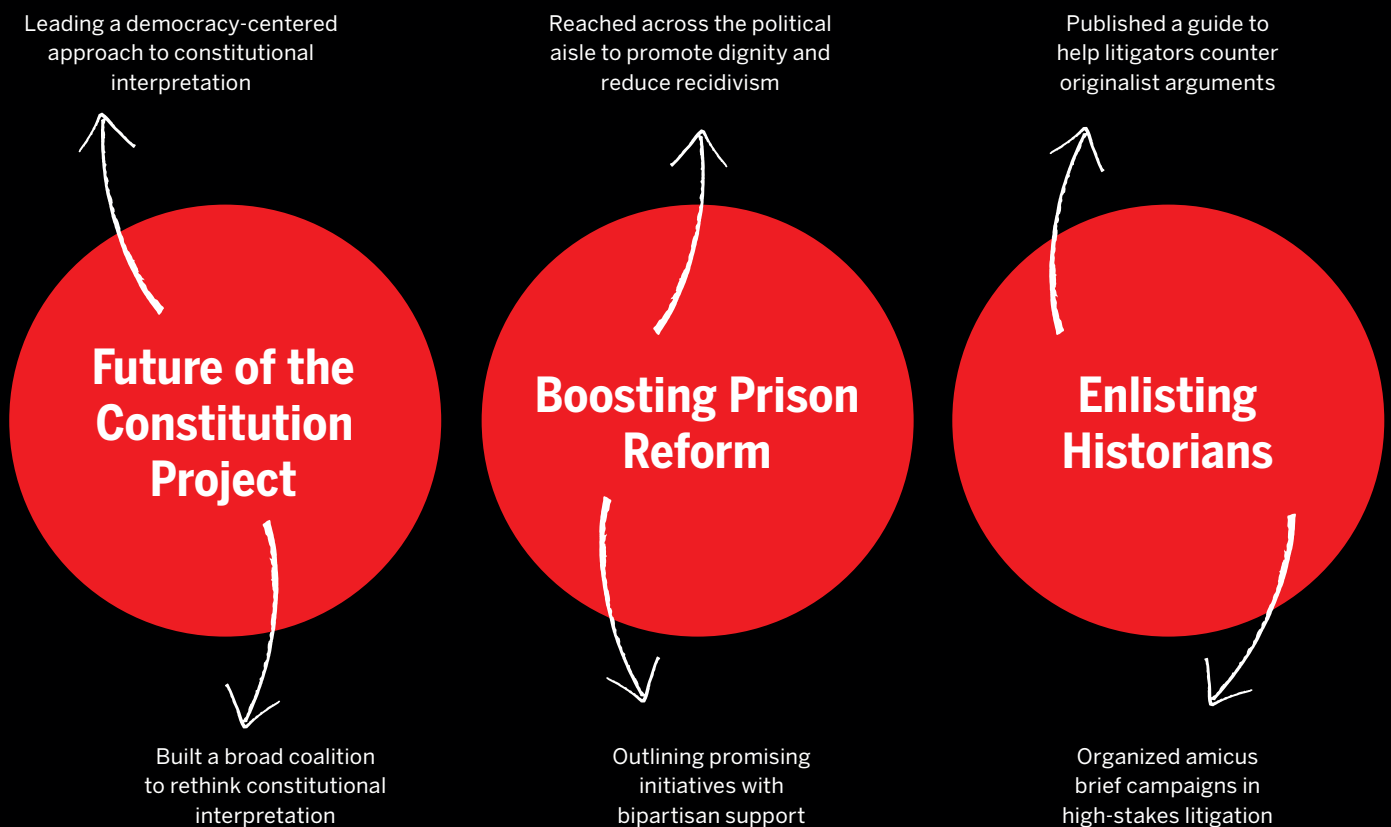
OUR IMPACT

In September a federal district court concluded that the **administration had violated the Posse Comitatus Act.**

Crafting the next generation of reform —



What will come after the wreckage of this moment? The Brennan Center long has been a source for public policy innovation. Our proposals for automatic voter registration, small donor public financing, and more formed the heart of the landmark Freedom to Vote Act, which nearly passed Congress in 2022. Now the Brennan Center is formulating bold new ideas to solve the problems of today and strengthen our democracy for the future.



...transformative ideas
that can power change.

ANTI-CORRUPTION SOLUTIONS

Prescriptions for an Ailing Democracy

We launched *Solutions*, a policy reform series to modernize and revitalize democratic institutions.

The series began in January 2026 with *Nine Solutions for Corruption in America*. Provisions include a constitutional amendment to overturn *Citizens United* and other misguided Supreme Court rulings, a ban on congressional stock trading, a new federal ethics agency, and more. Of particular note: **It calls for a constitutional amendment to take away the power of presidents to issue corrupt pardons.**

Upcoming volumes will put forward ideas on voting and representation, federal courts, and executive power and propose ways to strengthen Congress and amend the Constitution. We will bring our core expertise to emerging areas of democracy innovation, including solutions to advance the “abundance” argument for efficient government while ensuring accountability to citizens and viability in polarized times.

The *Solutions* series is an inaugural project of a new initiative, Brennan Center Ventures, which aims to accelerate development of new ideas to reimagine American democracy.



FUTURE OF THE CONSTITUTION PROJECT

Returning the Constitution to the People

What is a compelling alternative to the cramped originalist vision now dominating constitutional law?

In 2025, the Brennan Center worked with scholars, lawyers, and movement leaders to **articulate an affirmative vision of the Constitution's meaning and promise.** This new approach sees the fostering of democratic self-government as the Constitution's animating principle. In the coming year, the Brennan Center will sponsor academic symposia and public events to spur new thinking on how a democracy-centered approach to constitutional interpretation is better suited to advancing the Constitution's fundamental purposes than the backwards-looking originalist frame.

“I do believe that we have a government that was created for the people and by the people.”

Rep. Jamie Raskin of Maryland at the National Constitution Center



BOOSTING PRISON REFORM

A Quiet Revolution in Prison Reform

Criminal justice experts are finalizing a major report outlining the most promising prison reform initiatives across the country, in states governed by Republicans and Democrats.

Research involved **three years of site visits** to a dozen states and other nations. The reforms — which include better living conditions, skill-building and educational initiatives, and new approaches to how staff interact with incarcerated people — suggest that a focus on rehabilitation will yield safer prisons, better post-release outcomes, and improved public safety.

90
thought leaders
joined our
conference.

PARTNERSHIP FOR SOUTHERN IMPACT

**A New Partnership
for a New South**

The South is the nation’s fastest growing region, with nearly all growth coming from communities of color. Yet it has the worst voter suppression, extreme gerrymandering, and the harshest criminal justice systems.

Thanks to a generous anonymous bequest, we have deepened our work in that dynamic area of the country.

In October we launched a **Partnership for Southern Impact** with Fisk University, a historically Black university in Nashville, and its John R. Lewis Center for Social Justice. We began with a **Southern legislators’ conference**, recognizing the need for new policy development among often under-resourced policymakers. One hundred advocates, lawmakers, city councilors, scholars, and student leaders came from across the region. They discussed criminal justice reform, AI and public policy, voting and redistricting, state leadership, and nonprofit advocacy, and concluded with a journalists’ roundtable moderated by Cynthia Tucker of *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.

Provost Brian Nelms, President Agenia Clark, and Dr. Sekou Franklin of Fisk University with Brennan Center leadership and board members



SUPREME COURT REFORM

A Better Supreme Court

The Kohlberg Center on the U.S. Supreme Court advanced its drive to lay the groundwork for Supreme Court reform.

It convened a **first-ever national conference on Supreme Court reform** at NYU Law in June. The conference brought together 90 scholars, advocates, and former judges from across the political spectrum. They assessed how to bolster confidence in the Court, the role of public opinion, and the need for reform, including term limits. The gathering built on **conversations with dozens of conservative legal activists** aiming to find common ground. An advisory committee of former judges and scholars helped steer the work.

At year’s end, former **New York Times editorial board member Jesse Wegman** joined the Center. Among other things, he will launch *Major Questions with Jesse Wegman*, a regular **newsletter** on the Court and reform.



ENLISTING HISTORIANS

**Countering Misguided
Uses of History**

The Brennan Center’s scholars and attorneys work to counter misguided use of history in constitutional law.

Countering Originalism is a one-of-a-kind guide for litigators and others who now must rely on and respond to historical arguments, often bogus, in everyday legal practice. And the Center’s **Historians Council** enlists the nation’s top academic historians to file briefs, publish articles, and speak out in the media for a better understanding of the democratic impulses that undergird the Constitution and the more than two centuries that followed its enactment.

Just
ask our
experts.

**3 Pulitzer Prize–
winning journalists.
60 attorneys. 3 former
state secretaries of
state. The U.S. Navy’s
former cyber chief.
A homeland security
adviser. 5 former
prosecutors. 14 social
scientists. 9 former
Capitol Hill staff. 190
full-time employees.**

Getting the Word Out

New Brennan Center in DC

In October, we moved into our **new Washington, DC, office** at 777 6th Street NW in Gallery Place. With nearly 19,000 square feet, the workspace is about double the size of the previous office. It includes public spaces and conference rooms, workstations, and private offices, able to accommodate a staff of up to 67 people. This will be a wonderful place to work and a great way to enhance our impact in the capital.



The Briefing with Michael Waldman

The Briefing began as a weekly newsletter written by Brennan Center President Michael Waldman analyzing urgent issues facing our democracy. The next phase extended into a video podcast in late 2025 to meet new audiences where they are — online, on streaming platforms, and on social media. Episodes feature experts from the Brennan Center as well as thinkers from across the ideological spectrum, such as Yuval Levin, Shalanda Young, David Frum, Jane Mayer, and NYU Law Professor Kenji Yoshino (pictured below, with Waldman). In just a few months, it has amassed **150k+ listeners** across platforms, and clips from the show have garnered millions of views across social media.



Friend-of-the-Court Briefs

The Brennan Center facilitated and filed more than **50 amicus briefs** arguing against abuses of executive power, including Trump's sweeping global tariffs and invocation of the Alien Enemies Act. Others focused on keeping elections free and fair by defending campaign finance limits, states' authority to administer elections, and the bedrock principle that voting rules can't be changed postelection. Our Historians Council filed briefs supporting challenges to Trump's attempt to eliminate birthright citizenship and remove independent agency heads.

Tracking Voting Laws

Since 2011, the Brennan Center has **published an annual roundup of voting laws** that were introduced, passed, and blocked across the country. This series tracks measures that restrict or expand voting access, improve security, or undermine election integrity. In 2025, the Brennan Center began a new partnership with UC Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy to continue this important work.

Former Department of Justice Officials Join Brennan Center's Board

The Brennan Center's board welcomed two new leaders: former U.S. Associate Attorney General **Vanita Gupta** (top right), who served under President Joe Biden, and former Acting Attorney General **Peter Keisler** (bottom right), who served under President George W. Bush. Their commitment to civil rights and voting rights will help drive the Center's work. And their insight into the Justice Department is vital as the agency faces politicization.



Brennan Center Experts in the News



Alicia Bannon (right) with Soledad O'Brien on *Matter of Fact*



Michael Waldman (right) on *NY1*



Sean Morales-Doyle on *The Saturday Show* with Jonathan Capehart



Wendy Weiser on *Velshi*



Hernandez Stroud on *Inside City Hall*



Barton Gellman on *PBS NewsHour*

The Power of State Constitutional Rights

State Court Report and the *Northwestern University Law Review* hosted a two-day symposium exploring the future of state constitutional rights, including rights protected by state constitutions, state constitutional amendments, and emerging issues in areas such as LGBTQ+ rights and voting rights.

Chief Judge **Jeffrey S. Sutton** (right), Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, in conversation with Professor Daniel B. Rodriguez of the Northwestern Pritzker School of Law



The Fight to Vote, Then and Now

Thirty Brennan Center staff members went to Alabama to mark the 60th anniversary of the march from Selma to Montgomery that spurred the passage of the Voting Rights Act. The visit provided an opportunity to engage in deep historical education, connect with regional leaders, and reflect on the ongoing struggle for democracy and justice in the South. Among other events, **Kareem Crayton** (below, far right) moderated the *Legislating in the Dynamic South* panel with state representatives from Tennessee, Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi.



Texas Tribune Festival

State Court Report moderated a panel in an event featuring leading figures in politics and media. The panel discussed problems with partisan judicial elections, redistricting, and public confidence in the courts.



Protecting Elections

The Brennan Center's **LaTasha Hill** with **Tina Barton**, Co-Chair of the Committee for Safe and Secure Elections (see more on p. 10), at the National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives.



Our Reach in 2025 by the Numbers

Media Hits 1,580

Donors 40,000+

Newsletter
Subscribers 500,000

Social Followers 566,000

Website Visitors 7,400,000

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Impressions 19,500,000

239
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Our Research Capacity Grows

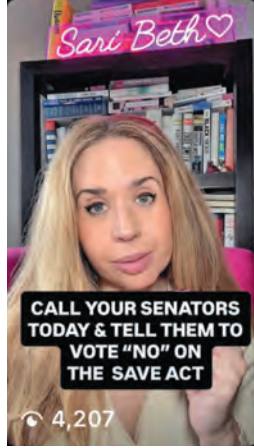
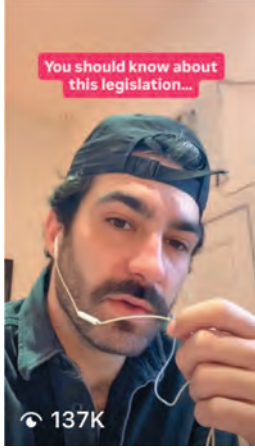
We expanded our research capacity in 2025 to now include **14 full-time social scientists**, 9 of whom hold PhDs, as well as 6 social science research fellows and contract researchers. The additions include a new data visualization expert and a postdoctoral research fellow whose expertise bridges the gap between political science research and the law. We also established a **Research Ethics Committee** (pictured above) to ensure that research practices are held to the highest standard of excellence. Its members will play a key role in advising projects involving human subjects and highly sensitive topics.



National Association of Hispanic Journalists

The Brennan Center spoke at the National Association of Hispanic Journalists conference in Chicago to network with reporters and editors from both national and regional news outlets and participate in panels.

Above, from left, Gabriella Sanchez, Kira Romero-Craft, Larry Norden, and Mireya Navarro



Content Creators

The Brennan Center has partnered with carefully vetted content creators to expose geographically and ideologically diverse new audiences to our issues. We hosted **two creator summits** in our New York City office, bringing together more than 50 creators with a combined following of more than **15 million**. Our experts shared key talking points, answered questions, and deepened relationships with creators eager to promote our work in the future.

Website Refresh

Our redesigned website features streamlined global navigation, better content discoverability, enhanced mobile and search experience, a more interactive home page design, and a new explainer landing page to highlight our most-viewed content type.



24 MILLION
views across
social media

This Is Why We Need Checks and Balances

We launched a campaign, funded by the Kettering Foundation, that targeted key independent and **center-right digital audiences** with a video about the importance of checks and balances and due process. The video received 24 million views on platforms such as Hulu, Meta, Reddit, and YouTube.

Public Opinion Research

To maximize our reach and our impact with diverse audiences, the Brennan Center has focused on building out our capacity for message testing, focus groups, and polling. The findings from this work help us craft communications strategies that support our advocacy goals. The research team led our efforts to build on our expertise in and access to voter data to create our in-house capacity to conduct nationally representative surveys.

Brennan Legacy Awards

The Brennan Center's annual gala gathers 500+ supporters and partners for an inspiring evening that celebrates leaders in the fight for democracy and justice. In 2025, we honored Governor Wes Moore of Maryland for his public and private sector service to advance justice, equity, and opportunity. We also paid tribute to the cast and creators of the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical *Suffs* for telling the story of the courageous suffragists who fought for women's right to vote.



Brennan Center President and CEO **Michael Waldman**





Members of the cast of **Suff**



Maryland Governor **Wes Moore**



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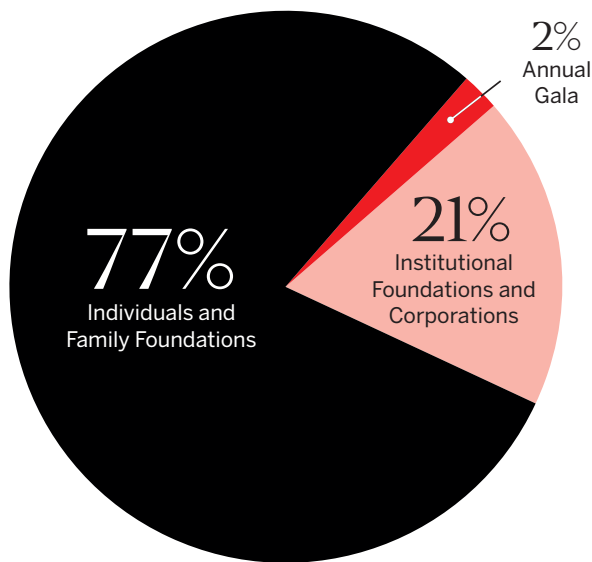
Suff producers **Jill Furman** (left) and **Rachel Sussman** (right), with **Celina Stewart**, CEO of the League of Women Voters of the United States

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In 2025, the Brennan Center responded forcefully to ever-escalating attacks on free and fair elections, checks and balances, and the rule of law. This work was possible only with the generous support of donors who share our commitment to democracy and justice.

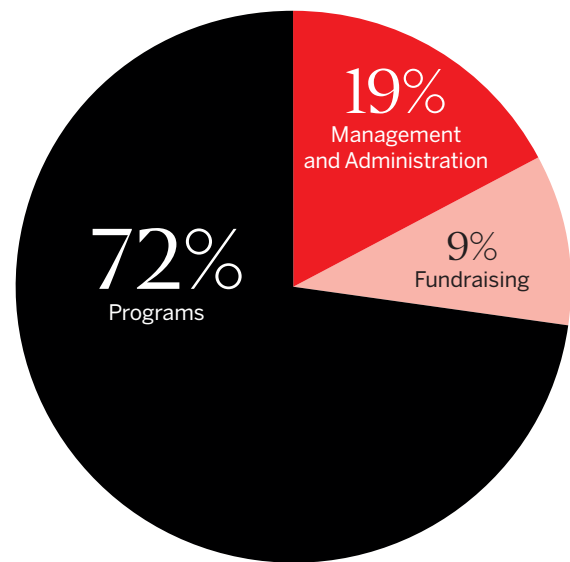
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Operating Support

Individuals and Family Foundations	\$45,659,337
Institutional Foundations and Corporations	\$12,572,408
Annual Gala	\$1,346,141
Total	\$59,577,886*



Expenses

Programs	\$41,606,979
Management and Administration	\$10,841,184
Fundraising	\$5,111,745
Total	\$57,559,908

As of June 30, 2025, the Brennan Center's net assets totaled \$292,502,167. Most of these funds (approximately \$190,000,000) are Board-designated for a quasi-endowment or donor-restricted for special long-term initiatives. The remainder reflects approximately 1.5 years of current expenses; our operating budget for fiscal year 2026 is \$66,599,648.

*This total comprises all funds awarded during fiscal year 2025, including multiyear grants intended for use in future periods. It does not include the estimated monetary value of donated legal services provided by our law firm partners (list on opposite page).

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Ensuring a Sustainable Future

A growing list of supporters dedicated to protecting democracy over the long haul have included the Brennan Center in their estate planning as members of the Brennan Legacy Circle.

These commitments are now a vital source of financial stability — we received significant bequests in fiscal year 2025 to help ensure our future strength.

Join Us

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Learn how to pledge your intent and join the Circle at brennancenter.org/plannedgiving.

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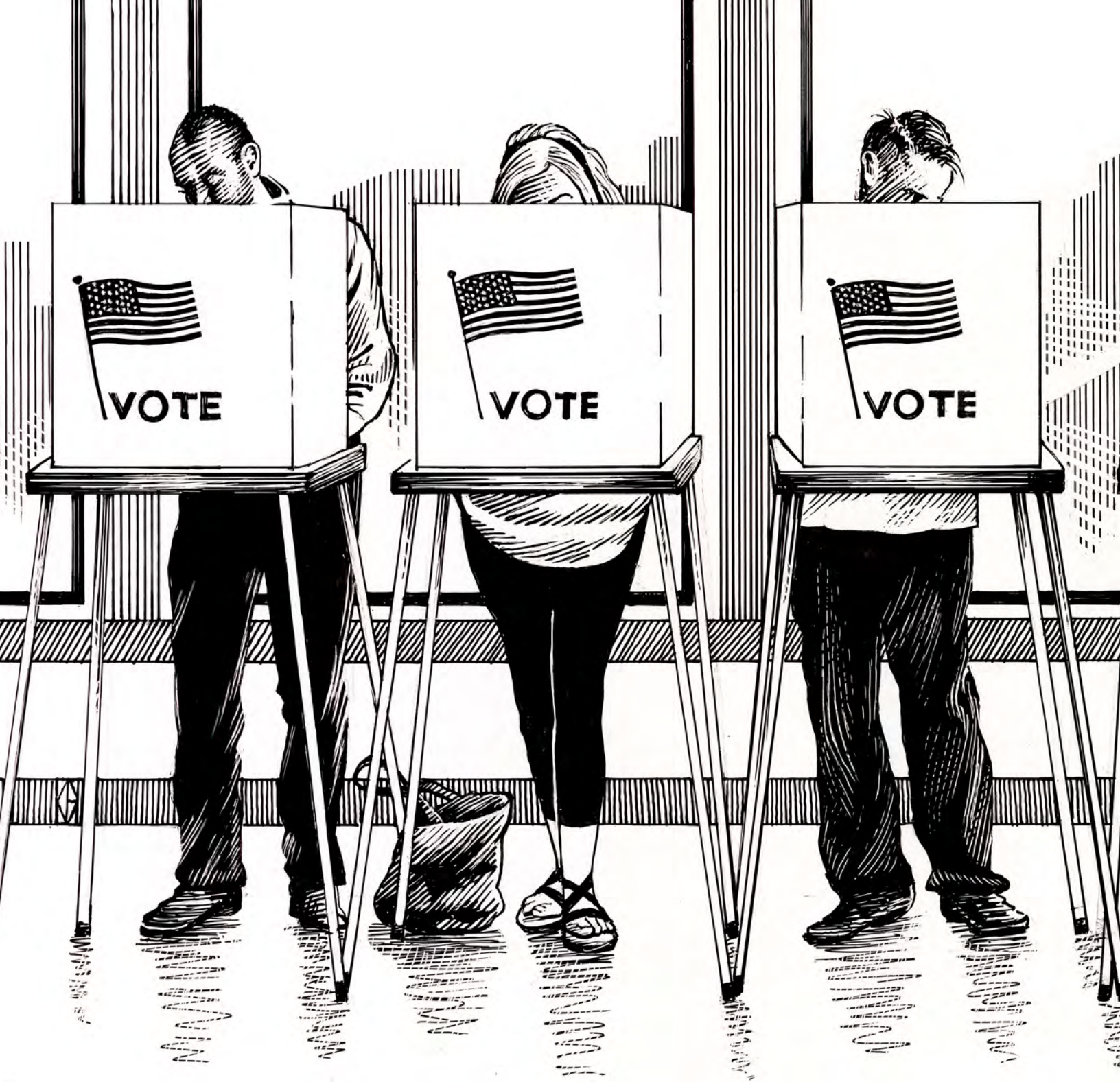
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