

Should I be Allowed to Vote?

In the U.S., the main requirements for voting are to be 18 years of age and a U.S. citizen. However, states can impose additional requirements. For example in Florida anyone convicted of a felony loses the right to vote forever. In Oregon, only prisoners cannot vote.

Part I - Working individually,

A. Take the US Civics Practice Test at:

<https://my.uscis.gov/prep/test/civics>

Many Americans would fail this test. A person scored 0% is currently eligible to vote in the U.S.

B. Why it is in the nation's interests to allow them to vote?

C. Why is it not in the nation's interests to allow them to vote?

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Part II - Share your answers with your group and discuss the following questions.

A. How could the U.S. restrict voting eligibility to promote a more informed electorate?

B. What concerns should we have about such a policy?