



Black Lives Matter. Like you, we've spent recent days witnessing (and often engaging in) protests against police violence and systemic racism across the U.S. Also like you, we're committed to ensuring that our nation's colleges and universities are promoting nonpartisan civic learning, political engagement, and student voter participation.

We know that engagement in our democracy is not only about showing up at the ballot box, but also about ensuring change through other forms of political engagement—from petitions for policy change to powerful protests and other forms of activism.

Structural racism in the U.S. has persisted for more than 400 years and Black Americans continue to face systemic obstacles to their pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness. We can't be a nation where all people are created equal unless we recognize, confront, and eradicate racism. For sustainable, systematic change to occur, we know that we as Americans must not only petition for change but ensure our voices are counted by casting an informed ballot in each and every local, state, and federal election.

Dismantling racism requires us each to play a role—from recognizing our privilege to educating ourselves and others about historical and ongoing institutional obstacles to equity, and identifying gaps in campus voting rates based on race. We continue to advocate for diverse coalitions to be leading this work on campuses and urge the intentional inclusion of Black faculty, staff, and students in developing strategies for reducing barriers to voting and otherwise leading this work.

At the ALL IN Challenge, we're taking immediate actions to support equitable and anti-racist campus democratic engagement efforts in this election year, including:

- Extending the May 31 campus action plan deadline to June 15 to provide extra time given recent and ongoing events – plans can be emailed to actionplan@allinchallenge.org.
- Rescheduling our Wednesday [Roundtable](#) for new campuses, which falls during [#ShutDownSTEM](#) and [#ShutDownAcademia](#), for Thursday, June 11 at 3 p.m. (it will be recorded for folks unable to attend in person).
- Providing feedback on action plans to campuses regarding identifying and closing student voting rate gaps based on race, age, and gender.
- Committing to offering ongoing educational opportunities with campuses and partners to understand our roles in actualizing an anti-racist democracy.

We're committed to doing our part to dismantle racism by continuing to grow as individuals and as an organization that supports democratic engagement in many forms across our higher education ecosystem.

In solidarity,
The ALL IN Team
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