



Swearer Center
for public service

BROWN UNIVERSITY

ALL IN CHALLENGE ACTION PLAN

Brown University

Campus Participants

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Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs (many people)

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Voter Registration

Brown's Undergraduate Student Council has funded the university's participation in [TurboVote](#). Through TurboVote, all Brown groups and organizations have access to an easy method for registration and absentee ballot requests, signifying Brown's and students' commitment to political and community engagement. On the back end, TurboVote allows individual groups and centers, like the Swearer Center, to see which type of voter registration tactics are the most successful and keeps track of the total number of registrations and absentee ballot requests. Various student groups, notably the Brown Democrats, send out weekly social media blasts related to voter registration and absentee ballots.

The Brown Democrats, Brown Republicans, and other organizations on campus encourage voter registration and non-partisan civic engagement activities, which include but are not limited to phone banking, canvassing, co-sponsoring voter registration tables throughout campus and sponsoring debate viewing parties. These organizations also complement their efforts to increase political education and enthusiasm with TurboVote, which bolsters civil engagement by removing barriers to voter participation.

Registration drives will begin on campus in September and continue through early October:

- Monday, September 5th
- Thursday, September 15th - Swearer Center voter registration table at the Community Engagement Fair
- Friday, September 16th
- Wednesday, September 21st
- Tuesday, September 27th (National Voter Registration Day)
- Monday, October 3rd
- Friday, October 7th

Campus organizations will be pushing absentee ballot requests

- Thursday October 13th
- Tuesday October 18th

Voter Education and Campus Conversations

Brown's Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs is sponsoring a series of campus conversations around the election including:

- September 13th - Ted Widmer: *Journal of the Plague Year: A History of Right Now*
- September 15th - Race and the Presidential Election: A Discussion with Tricia Rose and James Morone
- September 22nd - Election 2016: Impact At Home and Abroad (organized by the International Relations, Public Policy and Political Science Departmental Undergraduate Groups)
- September 23rd - Election 2016: Behind the Scenes. A conversation between David Corn '81 and Michael Steele.
- September 26th - Rhode Island Secretary of State Nellie M. Gorbea will address Voting Policy and Practice
- September 26th - Debate viewing party with professor Carrie Nordlund of the public policy program. Professor Nordlund will lead a discussion afterwards
- September 27th - Mark Blyth will discuss Global Trumpism
- October 6th - Critical Conversations Panel – Clinton, Trump, and the Middle East: What is at Stake in the US Elections? (organized by Middle East Studies)
- October 11th - Margaret Weir discusses Economic Marginalization, Democrats, and Republicans
- October 14th - Election 2016: Behind the Scenes, A conversation between David Corn '81 and Glenn Kessler '81.
- October 20th - Voting Insecurity: Why We Won't be Able to Verify the Outcome of the 2016 Election
- October 25th - J. Brian Atwood and Chas Freeman — U.S. Foreign Policy and the 2016 Election

- November 8th --Election Night Party at the Watson Institute
- November 9th -- Election 2016: What Happened and Why? (organized by the International Relations, Public Policy and Political Science Departmental Undergraduate Groups)
- November 21st -- Election 2016: Behind the Scenes, A conversation between David Corn '81 and Mara Liasson '77.
- November 22nd -- Jim Morone — What Has Happened, Where Do We Go from Here, and the 116th US Congress
- December 6th -- Glenn Loury — Reflections on the Obama Legacy

Debate Viewing Parties

Brown Democrats, Brown Republicans, and Brown Students for Hillary are co-hosting Presidential Debate Watch Parties, co-sponsored by the Swearer Center for Public Service

- September 26th
- October 4th (Vice Presidential)
- October 9th
- October 19th

Get Out the Vote

- The Swearer Center will publicize through our campus newsletter and social media outlets frequent reminders to students about absentee balloting and information about voting in person in Rhode Island.
- The Brown Democrats and Brown Students for Hillary will coordinate and actively promote GOTV efforts on Brown's campus and throughout the greater Providence and New England areas.