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#### Plan ensures obama win

Don Reed, Sponsor, California’s Roman Reed Spinal Cord Injury Research Act of 1999, 7/18/2012 [“Disenfranchise the Disabled? Republican Laws May Deny Vote to the Blind [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/don-c-reed/disenfranchise-the-disabled\_b\_1678681.html]](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/don-c-reed/disenfranchise-the-disabled_b_1678681.html%5d)

Are you, or is someone you love, among America's thirty-five million voters with a disability? If so, you hold power in the 2012 elections. If the disability community turns out in force, the side you pick will almost certainly win. In 2006 a prediction was made: "If people with disabilities voted at the same rate as the non-disabled, 10 million more votes would have been cast in the last Presidential election -- a major voting bloc... " In 2008, we had a hint of that power, when disability voters fought as a bloc, essentially equaling the able-bodied turnout at the polls: "... turnout for (both) these populations estimated at 59 percent..."  Would voters with disabilities tend to support Democrats? Consider that if you are disabled, you may well have financial problems: "In 2000, 8.7 million people with disabilities were poor (17.6 percent) -- a substantially higher proportion than was found among people... without disabilities (10.6 percent)." The disabled have additional medical problems. Only 13 percent of those with a severe disability report their health as very good or excellent. Compare that to non-disabled folks -- 73 percent of whom report their health as very good or excellent. Those who suffer may be more likely to support government programs -- which puts them on the opposite side of the fence from anti-tax Republicans. Across the country,Republicans are imposing voter-suppression laws which may disenfranchise literally millions of the disabled, the elderly, minorities, students, and the poor.