

Voting Research: An Overview

Interview with Ross

- A big thing that prevented Ross from voting was not a lack of interest, but a lack of remembering to register (he has moved around a fair bit thanks to his educational path) and so sometimes he could not participate in local elections.
- Ross pointed out academic sources that said that voting these days was very much like support for a sports team – you support everyone on your team / party, even those you don't like.
- He also pointed out the Mueller Report made good suggestions for election security, which proved to be a good source later.
- He typically went to newspapers and campaign websites for information on voting – with the latter, he emphasized how important it was to get other perspectives afterwards, because the candidate's website is (by default) more biased to one candidate over the other.
- He also mentioned that in California, you could get a sample ballot over time.

Voting Google Form (22 Responses)

- In terms of how people got their info:
 - Newspaper Articles (13 votes)
 - Word of Mouth (12)
 - Campaign Websites (8)
 - Campaign Social Media (8)
 - Political Think Pieces (7)
 - Campaign Infographics (7)
 - Write Ins: Voting Records, Debates
- “Online voting requires a device and either WIFI or data. This is not always accessible to all people, whether it be socioeconomic reasons or a disability.”
- “I usually have to take a bus to a polling place (or utilize early voting on campus) and fill out a paper ballot. Due to being a university student, I also move around a lot, so I always have to remember to change my address before the deadline.”