



OUR MISSION: *Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.*
February 1, 2026

Tell Congress That Federal Immigration Enforcement Has Gone Too Far

For months, communities across the country, in Minnesota and beyond, have lived in terror as federal immigration enforcement agents have patrolled, surveilled, detained, disappeared, injured, and killed civilians, as well as denied people's constitutional rights by attacking and arresting peaceful protestors. Congress must act to stop these attacks!

<https://www.lwv.org/take-action/tell-congress-federal-immigration-enforcement-has-gone-too-far>



Know Your Candidates for the WI Supreme Court

In-Person Interview
Chris Taylor
 1:00pm - 2:30pm
 Saturday, December 6, 2025
 Harvey Hall Theater on the UW-Stout campus
 721 Third St. E., Menomonie, WI 54751

In-Person Interview
Maria Lazar
 5:00pm - 6:30pm
 Wednesday, February 4, 2026
 Harvey Hall Theater on the UW-Stout campus
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Wisconsin voters will elect a new Supreme Court Justice on April 7, 2026, for a 10-year term. Two candidates have announced they are running for election: Chris Taylor, Judge of the Court of Appeals, District IV – Madison; and Maria Lazar, Judge of the Court of Appeals, District II – Waukesha. If any further candidates announce, they will be invited to interview as well.

Join the League of Women Voters-Greater Chippewa Valley, the Menard Center for the Study of Institutions & Innovation at UW-Stout, Community Conversations of Northwest Wisconsin; and League of Women Voters-St. Croix Valley chapter for in-person interviews with Judge Taylor on December 6 and with Judge Lazar on February 4th.

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LWV OF GREATER CHIPPEWA VALLEY

LWV OF ST. CROIX VALLEY

Community Conversations of Northwest Wisconsin

In April, Wisconsin will elect a new Supreme Court Justice. *The League of Women Voters of Greater Chippewa Valley* invites all voters to join us to meet the candidates in person.

Interview with candidate Maria Lazar
 Wednesday, February 4, 2026
 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.
 Harvey Hall Theater on the UW Stout campus, 721 Third Street East, Menomonie, WI 54751.

If you can't attend in person, the February 4 event with Maria Lazar will be live streamed at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YGD4t6HuDEA>.

On December 6, candidate Chris Taylor joined us for an in-person interview. You can view that event here, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pJeU1WjBUSU>

Questions are welcome to Jan Morlock, at morlockjan@gmail.com.

LWVSCV Recommend various opportunities to dig a little deeper in topics that may interest you. Consider these:

- ☐ **10 Steps to Freedom & Power:**
 <<https://10stepscampaign.org/>> An opportunity to learn more skills to Recognize, Resist, and Reverse the 10 steps to Autocracy and Authoritarianism - and learn The 10 Steps to Freedom and Power at this excellent website.
- ☐ **Civics Made Easy:**
 <<https://www.pbs.org/show/civics-made-easy/>> PBS sponsored with host Ben Sheehan breaks down complex civics concepts into bite-sized pieces. Around 10 minutes per episode these can be a great conversation starter with your family (especially teens).

"The League will continue to mount a unified response that defends constitutional rights, protects civic participation, and demands accountability for abuses of power."

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HUB 2 Report for January, 2026

- ☐ **100 *Your Vote Matters* postcards were mailed on January 20.** Thank you to Angie Johnson and Nanette DelMonaco for organizing post card writing events in Amery and St. Croix Falls respectively. And thanks to members and friends who participated: Pat Siedl, Deb Trauley, Colleen Kwong, Carolyn Saunders, Kathie Nelson, Miriam Flysjo and Irene Bugge.

 - ☐ **Meet & Greet for Polk County Board of Supervisor Candidates scheduled for Monday, March 9, Osceola Village Hall, 5:30 – 7:30.** The League of Women Voters of St. Croix Valley and Wilberg Memorial Public Library are co-sponsoring this opportunity for voters to meet candidates and learn about their positions on issues before they cast their ballots in the Spring Election, April 7, 2026. Eleven candidates -- new Board of Supervisor Candidates and those running in contested races -- have been invited to participate. The Planning Team for the Polk County Meet & Greet currently includes: Carolyn Saunders, Miriam Flyjsjo and Irene Bugge.
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The LWV St Croix Valley and the Frederic Public Library collaborated on another successful Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, January 20.

League members Kathy Streitz and Katrina Larsen hosted an event educating nearly 20 individuals on the proposed SAVE ACT that has been passed by the House and is currently in the Senate.

Using the video recording of Member Karrie Weaver's November live presentation at the Amery Community Center, Kathy bookended the production with additional information, answered questions from the audience and expressed a call to action for the audience members to reach out to their US Senators with their opinion on the proposed SAVE ACT.

The preponderance of documentation required if this legislation passes is purposeful to disenfranchise women, the elderly, rural voters, people of lower economic status, and people of color.



(To learn more about Karrie Weaver's presentation see LWV SCV newsletter Nov. 15, 2025)



LUNCH & LEARN has continued success with the final program on January 27.

More than 25 interested individuals came to listen to Shabana Lundeen discuss election integrity from the perspective of a county clerk in Wisconsin.

Shabana spoke for nearly an hour about the complete process of election administration. She outlined the organizing, operating, and completion of running elections. She discussed the security of the vote counting systems that includes triple checks and balances, with the advice that first results are pretty accurate, but that larger municipalities need a day or so to officially tally the votes.

Shabana related stories of the rare instances of voter 'fraud' (three cases) that only included one instance of purposeful deceit. She made it clear how folks needed to be sure that they don't make the mistakes that can lead to prosecution. She also outlined who is in charge of prosecuting election fraud and clearly identified the roles of the separate governmental agencies.

She invited audience members to participate in the election process, either as a poll worker, observer, or interested citizen. She encouraged everyone to sign up as a poll worker—even if you don't get called this time you can be on the list.



As one audience member told me "I loved your speaker yesterday - so gratifying to hear such clarity of purpose and commitment from a local elected, and a young one with a long future." (A.T. from Webster.)

We thank all our election workers!



Why wearing a paper clip shows solidarity-

(a bit of history by league member Barb Wetzel)

"A paper clip lets my friends know I care about them." What?!

"We are bound together" represented by paper clips was a visual symbol of resistance by Norwegians who supported Jews in WWII. It was started by children and their teachers as a spontaneous grassroots movement. If the Jews were forced to wear yellow stars on their clothing, other citizens would wear paper clips on their clothing to show the Jewish people they were in solidarity with them. Incidentally, the paper clip was designed by a Norwegian, Johan Vaaler--how appropriate.

Forward to 1998 in Whitwell, Tennessee, where David Smith, middle school vice principal, realized students in the small rural community didn't understand diversity because they lived in an area devoid of Catholics, Jews, Muslims. The KKK had been started in a town just 100 miles away many years earlier. Smith wanted to demonstrate what had happened to the Jews in WWII and prepare students to live in diverse communities when they moved from Whitwell.

Smith and Language Arts teacher Sandra Roberts gathered students in an after-school program to learn about the Holocaust. Even Roberts didn't know much about that, but she quickly educated herself. She laid the foundation with facts, then she and the students read *The Diary of Anne Frank*. Given that the Nazis exterminated 6 million Jews, the students tried to imagine what that number looked like. They wondered what they could collect that would represent the number of Jews killed. A student suggested collecting paper clips because he had read on the internet about how the Norwegians protested by wearing paper clips.

That idea gained momentum as the Whitwell students started collecting paper clips at home, writing letters to friends asking for paper clips, which led to newspaper articles reporting about their goal of collecting 6 million paper clips and the reason for doing so. Eventually the students created a website, which brought them paper clips and letters from all over the world, including letters from Holocaust survivors.

There's much more to the experiences of the Whitwell students, but their project continued for about six years as middle school students continued collecting paper clips and reading incoming mail. They finally achieved their goal of making a memorial to the Jews murdered by the Nazis: obtaining a railroad boxcar from Germany—like those which carried the Jews to concentration camps. On its trip from Germany to the US, the boxcar was transported by a Norwegian ship. When the ship's crew learned the purpose of the boxcar going to Tennessee, the longshoremen removed their hats and military personnel saluted.

Whitwell residents joined the students in building a permanent memorial on school grounds. The boxcar interior is filled with memorabilia from Holocaust survivors, the 11 million paper clips and a suitcase filled with notes to Anne Frank asking her for forgiveness.

This event is the impetus for League of Women Voters St. Croix Valley (LWVSCV) offering paper clips to people they meet, sharing the story of Norwegians in WWII, and having conversations about supporting our neighbors of color. It's simple, perhaps a bit uncomfortable at first, but if Norwegians could put themselves "out there" during Nazi occupation, we can certainly wear a paper clip during these troubling times. A symbol needs no words and by wearing this symbol, we bind ourselves to others who are standing up for democracy against tyranny. Wearing a paper clip is a small subtle message in comparison to what immigrants and persons of color are enduring. Our defiance can and must be loud and public. But the quiet symbol of solidarity on someone's collar when you walk into a crowded room? Genius. If we don't stand up for



their rights, who will stand up for ours? What will we tell our children and grandchildren if we don't?

[If a road trip through Tennessee is in your future plans, stop in Whitwell. A good read is *Six Million Paper Clips: the making of a children's Holocaust Memorial*, available at www.MORE.lib.wi.us. Or www.paperclipresistance.com.]



ACTION ALERT: Looking for Volunteers!

Polk-Burnett Indivisible (a local non-partisan, non-violent action group) is making every effort to have trained peacekeepers at all our rallies, but we need more people willing to take on this role. If you're interested, please plan to attend a **peacekeeper training** at

West Denmark Lutheran Parish Hall at 1:00 Saturday, February 21.

The training will be led by experienced peacekeepers, with the focus being on de-escalation. Our main concern is for MAGA adherents who may choose to try to provoke an incident, though we'll rehearse other scenarios as well. At the end of the 90-minute session you'll be issued your own fluorescent peacekeepers vest!

You can register by contacting: Jeff Peterson <peterson@lakeland.ws>




League members attend rallies in Siren and the bridge in St Croix Falls. These rallies are organized by Polk Burnett Indivisible.

(Consider training to be a peacekeeper.)




A collaborative virtual program:
Environmental Impacts of Data Centers
February 11, 6:30 - 8:00


LWV League of Women Voters of Dane County
League of Women Voters of the La Crosse Area



Amy Barrilleaux
Clean Wisconsin



Michael Grief
Midwest Environmental Advocates



Gretchen Sabel
LWV Upper Mississippi
River Region

SPOTLIGHT! LWV La Crosse Area with the LWV Dane County

As data centers rapidly expand across Wisconsin, communities are grappling with unanswered questions about their true economic benefits, environmental impacts, and the lack of transparency created by non-disclosure agreements.

Concerns include long-term jobs versus short-term construction work, heavy demands on water and electricity, rising energy costs, noise and light pollution, and ecological degradation. This forum will examine these issues, the approval process, and how the public can stay informed and engaged.

Find more information and register:

<https://lwvwi.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28ea86dd7c46f5cfdcf3e4a00&id=77581f8c2f&e=7043d919d6>



Member Services

Membership Matters: Growing Stronger, Together!

Despite heavy hearts, our members put one foot in front of the other and move forward together! Minnesota is leading now with strength and power! The St Croix Valley is also leading with Rallies of Resistance in Hudson, River Falls, New Richmond, Siren, Spooner, and more! Rapid Response teams are patrolling and many are providing rides, food, translating, shopping, and meeting the needs of families.

As of this newsletter's publication, LWVSCV proudly counts 110 members. Most are active at this time. If you need to renew your membership, please fill out the membership application on our website at lwvstcroixvalley.org. Let me know if you have questions. We anticipate continued growth in the coming new year, fueled by a vibrant calendar of programs, events, and voter registrations initiatives -- both online and throughout the region -- as well as expanding partnerships with local organizations. Reach out to a League sister or brother to attend a coffee, a rally, or to visit and support each other. Check on your neighbors and take good care of yourselves. We believe in the power of women and men to create a more perfect democracy.

Please join me in welcoming our newest members!

Saul Hopper who happens to be married to JJ Levy. Saul's email is saulhopper@me.com and he lives in Osceola.

Susan Frazier, human042@gmail.com, and Susan lives in Star Prairie.

Amy Broich, broichamy347@gmail.com, and Amy lives in Amery.

Faith Gustafson, faithwashere@gmail.com, and Faith lives in Osceola.

Please reach out to our new members as we move forward into 2026! Thank you all for your determination and the work you do!

"The use of **lethal force** against people exercising their constitutional rights is unacceptable and must be fully investigated.

These **fatalities**, followed by false narratives designed to obscure the truth and impede oversight, represent a historic abuse of power we've never seen as a country.

Democracy cannot **endure** when its government uses violence to silence dissent and evade accountability."

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**We stand firmly
for peaceful civic engagement,
respectful dialogue,
and the protection
of every individual's
rights and safety.**

HUB 4 News Greetings to our members. The purpose of each HUB is to empower each member and work in smaller local groups to educate voters, and support democracy. We have members in Baldwin, Hammond, River Falls, Prescott, Hudson, North Hudson, and the Town of Hudson and areas nearby. We move into 2026 with hope and determination to educate and advocate for democracy!

HUB 4 Coffee Our next HUB and friends Coffee will be at

10:30, Saturday,

February 7th

at the Baldwin Perk Coffee Shop.

The address is 860 Main St. in Baldwin.

Please join us to socialize and support each other. We plan to finish writing and mail VOTER postcards.

Please bring a donation for stamps. Bring a friend and all members are always welcome to any Coffee.

Do take time to check on your neighbors and take care of yourselves.

We are all in this together! Forward!

Kathy Streitz
Hudson
612-916-8856

Do your
legislators
support an
IRC*?

*independent redistricting commission



UPDATE: Every single state legislator has received our draft proposal for an Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC). However, we still need YOUR help. Let's make sure that our legislators hear us loud and clear when we say: *we want an IRC, and we want it now!*

For months, the League of Women Voters Redistricting Committee and Wisconsin Fair Maps Coalition have traveled from Beloit to Rhinelander, Menomonie to Door County, listening to voters. One message rang clear: voters should choose their legislators — not the other way around.

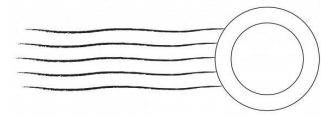
Over [82% of Americans](#) agree: it's time to fix this.

We've drafted a Wisconsin-tailored Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) which takes map-drawing out of politicians' hands and into the hands of everyday citizens.

Gerrymandering is a bipartisan disease, so we demand legislators on both sides of the aisle to work for a cure.

Voter Alert: Significant Postmark Changes:

As of December 24, 2025, the date you drop off your letters and packages at your local post office may no longer be **the official postmark**. The official date honored will be the stamp from the postal facility where they are processed (such as a sorting facility).



This change poses a risk to your time-sensitive mail and might potentially delay it from arriving on time.

What are some of the specific impacts of this change? It means your bills could be considered late and affect your credit rating. It challenges sending taxes in on time thus, avoiding late fees. It requires you to be attentive to deadlines required by Medicare and other vital documents.

An important example is an absentee ballot. If you are one who wants their voice heard through their vote and uses an absentee ballot, then please be aware of the Wisconsin guidelines as outlined on [MyVote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov).

Step 3 of those guidelines tells you to line up a witness who can verify that you filled out your own ballot. Step 4 states, "USPS recommends mailing the ballot back at least 7 days before Election Day."

Because of the USPS postmark change, The League of Women Voters of St. Croix Valley is encouraging you to mail your ballot early, perhaps 10 days instead of the previous recommendation of 7 days.

MAIL EARLY all the mail that you care about arriving to a desired destination by a specific date. Especially an absentee ballot!

NOTE: Polk County electors do not go by the postmark on absentee ballots. All absentee ballots must be in the clerk's hands by 8PM on the day of the election.

Friday, Feb. 6, 6- 8PM, Hudson WI,

“Hot Air Affair Parade”, march with Good Trouble,

parade line-up at 6PM in Wells Fargo parking lot at Second and Vine Streets,

parade start at 7PM, march down Second Street and to Lakefront Park,

contact Gloria Deziel at gdeziel28@gmail.com

The 4th Amendment – GROWW Initiative

What does it mean to be a 4th Amendment Workplace? Learn how to help businesses understand how to safeguard employees if federal agents enter a business and how to avoid revealing private information about employees. Our 4th Amendment "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath of affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched and the persons or things to be seized."

Fourth Amendment Workplaces Training In New Richmond on Wed. Feb 4 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm
The training will be held at the new gorgeous public library in New Richmond – join and spread the word.

<https://secure.ngpvan.com/JlkoYF!TsEyJaz9A0-GtjQ2>

Our Next 4AW Meeting: Monday Feb 9 on zoom from 6 to 7:30 pm

We will take stock of what we've accomplished, our learnings and begin forming teams by municipality to create our town-specific strategy. We'll also explore the possibility of Fourth Amendment resolutions in our municipality and engagement in the April elections.

<https://secure.ngpvan.com/qoNS8V-ms00MJEvxcc6muA2>

NR Indivisible is hosting the training and interested members are encouraged to attend.



Wisconsin newspapers urge passage of legislation to protect free speech

State Senator Eric Wimberger (R-Oconto) and Representative Jim Piwowarczyk (R-Hubertus) have introduced Wisconsin Senate Bill 666/Assembly Bill 701, which would adopt the Uniform Public Expression Protection Act (UPEPA), bringing long-overdue free speech protections for citizens and journalists in Wisconsin.

The Wisconsin Newspaper Association and this newspaper applaud Wimberger and Piwowarczyk for introducing SB 666/AB 701 and enthusiastically urge its passage. Designed to protect free speech and the right to petition the government, SB 666/AB701, will allow the courts to quickly dismiss lawsuits that are filed not to win on the merits, but to intimidate, silence, or

financially exhaust critics.

So-called SLAPPs—Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation—are often used against individuals who speak out on matters of public concern, such as government accountability, tax and spending decisions, consumer protection, environmental impacts, or workplace conditions. Even when these cases are weak or baseless, the cost and stress of litigation can be enough to deter people from speaking at all. Anti-SLAPP laws are intended to stop this abuse of the court system.

Under UPEPA legislation, which was developed by the nonpartisan Uniform Law Commission, a person who believes they are the target of a SLAPP lawsuit could ask the court to dismiss the case if it arises from their exercise of free speech or their right to petition on a public issue. If the court agrees, the lawsuit would be dismissed, and the party who filed it could be required to pay the defendant's attorney fees and costs. The fee-shifting provision is critical, as it discourages the use of litigation as a weapon rather than a legitimate means of resolving disputes.

Wisconsin is currently behind much of the country in providing these protections. According to the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, 31 states have anti-SLAPP laws in place. As a result, journalists, activists, and ordinary citizens in Wisconsin are more vulnerable to retaliatory lawsuits than their counterparts in other states.

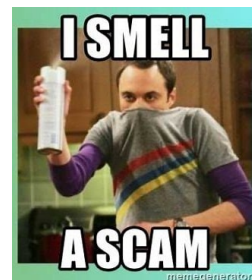
Passage of Senate Bill 666/Assembly Bill 701 will address this disparity. SLAPP lawsuits are powerful tools for silencing dissent, not because they are likely to succeed in court, but because they impose crushing legal costs and risks. For many people, the mere threat of such a lawsuit is enough to discourage them from speaking out, even when their speech is lawful and important to the public.

The good news both SB 666 and AB 701 have passed committee with unanimous, bipartisan support. We urge legislative leaders to ensure SB 666/AB 701 receives votes in the full Assembly and Senate so that Wisconsinites can feel free to express their opinions on public issues without fear of being subjected to a costly lawsuit.

Contact your legislator and voice your support for passage of Senate Bill 666/Assembly Bill 701.

WARNING!

Members continue to receive occasional emails that are scams. Beware of any emails that ask you to open a link or ask you to do something financially. Consider that to be a red flag and check the email address that it is coming from. If it isn't an address that you recognize, contact the person that is supposedly sending it to verify that they sent it. I received one today that supposedly came from one of our co-presidents and mentioned our treasurer by name, asking me to cover payment to a vendor with either my Venmo or PayPal account.



Putting Up and Taking Down Yard Signs for Spring Elections

Note changes to dates due to US Postal changes

Spring Primary

Put out VOTE FROM HOME by January 15, 2026

Take in VOTE FROM HOME on Wednesday, February 07, 2026

Put out VOTE TUESDAY on Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Spring Primary Election on Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Take in VOTE TUESDAY on Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Put out THANK ELECTION WORKERS on Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Take in THANK ELECTION WORKERS on Wednesday, February 25, 2026

Spring Election

Put out VOTE FROM HOME on Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Take in VOTE FROM HOME on Friday, March 27, 2026

Put out VOTE TUESDAY on Wednesday, April 1, 2026

Spring Election on Tuesday, April 7, 2026

Take in VOTE TUESDAY on Wednesday, April 8, 2026

Put out THANK ELECTION WORKERS on Wednesday, April 8, 2026

Take in THANK ELECTION WORKERS on Wednesday, April 15, 2026

February	1	Newsletter
	4	Interview with Candidate Maria Lazar 4PM Menomonie Register here: https://lwwwi.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28ea86dd7c46f5cf

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	6	Friday, Feb. 6, 6- 8PM, Hudson WI , “Hot Air Affair Parade”, march with Good Trouble, parade line-up at 6PM in Wells Fargo parking lot at Second and Vine Streets, parade start at 7PM, march down Second Street and to Lakefront Park, contact Gloria Deziel at gdeziel28@gmail.com
	7	Baldwin Coffee
	7	Take in VOTE FROM HOME signs
	11	Put out VOTE TUESDAY signs
	11	Environmental Impacts of Data Centers: zoom https://lwwi.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28ea86dd7c46f5cfdcf3e4a00&id=77581f8c2f&e=7043d919d6
	14	Upstander/Observer Training Polk Burnett Indivisible (email: luckpolkwisco@gmail.com)
	14	LWV US Birthday – 106
	15	Newsletter
	17	<u>Spring Primary</u>
	18	Take in VOTE TUESDAY signs Put out THANK ELECTION WORKERS
	21	Peacekeeper training in Luck (email luckpolkwisco@gmail.com)
	25	Take in THANK ELECTION WORKERS
March	1	Newsletter
	3	Put out VOTE FROM HOME signs
	9	Meet & Greet for Polk County Board of Supervisor Candidates, Osceola Village Hall, 5:30 – 7:30.
	15	Newsletter
	27	Take in VOTE FROM HOME signs

	28	NO KINGS RALLY AMERY
April	1	Newsletter
	1	Put out VOTE TUESDAY signs
	7	<u>Spring General Election</u>
	8	Take in VOTE TUESDAY signs Put out THANK ELECTION WORKERS signs
	15	Take in THANK ELECTION WORKERS signs
	26	Annual Meeting All Members Amery Community Center
August	11	<u>Primary</u>
November	3	<u>General Election</u>

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Unite and Rise 8.5 Commitment Form

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I commit to Unite and Rise in the Fight for Democracy with LWVWI!

The United States is in a constitutional crisis. Now is the time to band together to defend our constitution, protect the rule of law, demand the preservation of checks and balances, safeguard the right to vote, and build a democracy where every person and every voice counts.

I commit to:

1. Take action by voting and volunteering to ensure our freedom to vote is protected.
2. Mobilize in nonviolent efforts to hold government accountable.
3. Stay informed about the policies and decisions that affect us all, combat disinformation, and amplify the voices and stories of those most impacted.

The League of Women Voters' Unite & Rise 8.5 initiative aims to mobilize 8.5 million voters using the power of voter engagement as a cornerstone of our democracy. Unite & Rise 8.5 showcases the many ways voters can drive change through advocacy, mobilization, civic education, and engagement. We need you to be a part of this movement and help us grow this network of 8.5 million people who commit to defend our democracy.

Unite and Rise
8.5 videos
available to
stream:

<https://lwvwi.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28ea86dd7c46f5cfdcf3e4a00&id=eddee697dd&e=7043d919d6>