



*2026 LWVWA-
Resisting Threats
to Democracy*

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- April 17, 2025, LWVUS declared that the US is in a **Constitutional Crisis**.
- The League defines a Constitutional Crisis as:
 - *When the executive, the legislative, or judiciary branches cannot or will not adequately protect the US Constitution;*
 - *When there are explicit attempts to dismantle a functional democracy within any of the three branches;*
 - *Or when any level of federal government takes action to destroy democratic institutions in a manner that intentionally or purposefully jeopardizes the US Constitution.*
- When these events occur, the Constitution is deemed at the highest serious risk and warrants full-scale action to preserve and protect democratic institutions and civil society.



LWVUS: Legal Actions

- In 2026 Leagues in states across the US involved in suits protecting aspects of voting rights (and especially mail-in voting) including North Carolina, Montana, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Illinois, Massachusetts, Mississippi.
- National League has led challenges to executive orders including the April 1 lawsuit to the President's March 31 executive order concerning mail-in voting. Represented by ACLU, Brennan Center, Legal Defense Fund and others.

LWVUS: Unite and Rise 8.5

- **Unite and Rise 8.5-mobilize 3.5% of US voters (8.5 million).** [Unite and Rise 8.5: An Initiative to Defend Democracy | League of Women Voters](#)
 - **Commit to action:** [Sign our commitment](#) to Unite and Rise for democracy!
 - **Protect equal voting rights:** Tell your representatives to support the [John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act](#)!
 - **“Turn Up the Heat” on elected officials:** [Connect directly with your representatives](#) on the issues that matter (like [midcycle redistricting](#)) via Town Halls and other opportunities.
 - **Oppose federal interference in DC:** Tell Congress to [stop interfering in Washington, DC](#)!
 - **Raise your voice about illegal deportations:** join mobilizations around immigrant rights and due process with organizations like the [National Partnership for New Americans](#), [United We Dream](#), and others.
 - **Act locally:** Join local organizations like [your state or local League](#) to act on the issues that matter in your community.

Washington LWV Campaign *Resisting Threats to Democracy- Actions*

- Participate in Rallies and Protests-show up
- Prepare to Take Action-get focused, stay informed
 - VOTE
 - Contact elected officials
 - Attend government meetings-speak up
 - Boycotts
 - Social Media
 - Letters to the editor
- Know Your Rights

Democracy Bills Passed by 2026 WA State Legislature

- [HB 1710](#) Pre-Clearance for proposed changes to election procedures
- [HB 1750](#) Creating guidelines for voter suppression and vote dilution claims under the Washington voting rights act
- [HB 1916](#) Amending voter registration challenges and managing voter registration lists
- [HB 2475](#) Concerning language accessible public programs, activities, and services conducted, operated, or administered by state agencies.
- [SB 5892](#) Protects voter databases from distribution to unauthorized parties.
- [SB 6035](#) Increasing access to voting services for military, overseas, Native American, and disabled voters.
- [SB 6084](#) Clarifying the prohibition on voting more than once in an election.

Among other Efforts to Protect our Democracy

- STANDING FOR DEMOCRACY Webinar on April 10 centered on the current threat environment and how can we respond and resist
 - WA AG Nick Brown-president has no authority to set rules for elections; close to 100 lawsuits-80% success rate; fighting access to our voting data.
 - Charles Douglas III, Common Power-real conversations; reach out to younger voters, people who differ.
 - Stuart Holmes, WA SOS. Discussed court case that could impact ballot counting (disqualify ballots received after election day), Save America Act-require photo id to vote. Will be challenged; help people to vote
 - David Montes, ACLU. 60 lawsuits re 2024 elections; challenges.

Additional Resources

- [ALCU of Washington](#)
- [Immigrant Legal resource Center](#)
- [Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network](#)
- [Justice for Our Neighbors](#)
- [Catholic Immigration Legal Service](#)
- [Northwest Immigrant Rights Project](#)