American Indians and Alaska Natives have been historically and systemically kept from political participation. Even with these attempts at voter suppression, the Native Vote has decided many important elections. Native people have won landmark court cases guaranteeing them the right to vote. Despite this progress, state legislatures and local governments continue to pass laws that obstruct the Native Vote.

As we head into the final days of the 2020 election, we anticipate increased attempts to suppress Native voting rights. Familiarize yourself with voter suppression and how to report it when you see it. Native American voter suppression is well documented at Vote.NARF.org.

**SOME EXAMPLES OF NATIVE AMERICAN VOTER SUPPRESSION**

**CHALLENGES TO BALLOT BOX ACCESS**
For Native people, local ballot boxes are often located far from reservation lands making it hard to access on election day.

**CHECK YOUR VOTE BY MAIL ACCESS**
Many in Indian Country do not have home mail delivery and often rely on P.O. Boxes, which can present challenges both for timely mail delivery and outgoing mail.

**ORGANIZE TRANSPORTATION**
A lack of public transportation on reservations means many voters struggle to get to polling locations, and often face discrimination while at the polling place.

**BE INFORMED ON BALLOT COLLECTION**
Some states have passed laws limiting how many ballots can be collected by an individual to be transported to the polls. This places an additional obstacle in more rural areas where not everyone can afford to travel to drop off a completed ballot.

**RECOGNIZE ONLINE DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGNS**
Groups or individuals committed to suppressing voting rights are likely spreading disinformation on social media, Internet websites, and through other sources. Disinformation campaigns could target the social media platforms of tribal governments and Native political advocacy groups with false information on voting rules and procedures.

American Indian and Alaska Natives can determine the outcome of elections. Take back the power of the #NativeVote2020!

Email NativeVote@NCAI.org or visit NativeVote.org to support your vote!