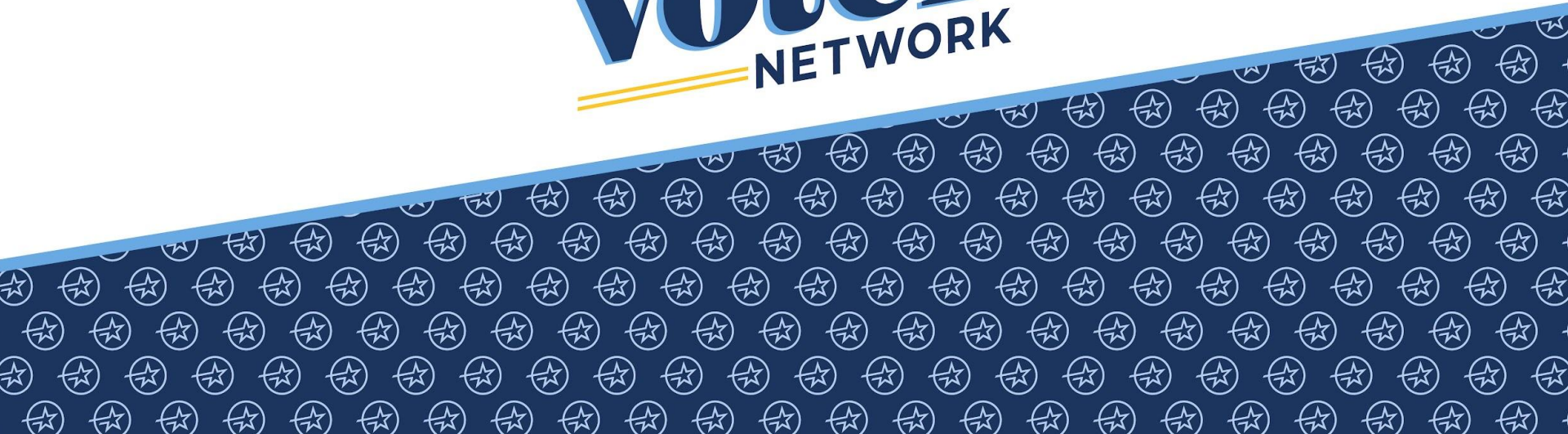


THE **voter** NETWORK



A QUIZ!



1. At what age can you register to vote in Kansas?
2. Name two positions Kansans will vote on this year in addition to US President!
3. What percentage of Kansans who are eligible to vote are actually registered? What percentage of Black and Latinx residents are registered?
4. What percentage of Kansas voters under the age of 24 voted in the last presidential election?
5. Is there a correlation between voter participation and better health outcomes? If yes, name one reason you think voting regularly could create better health outcomes.



The problem



LOW VOTER TURNOUT HURTS OUR COMMUNITIES



- The people who do vote are older, whiter and wealthier than the population as a whole.
- Candidates and political parties have limited resources for talking to nonvoters, forming a low-information loop.
- It's easy for policy makers to ignore people who don't vote.
- Civic engagement (voting, volunteering, and activism) among young adults is positively associated with better future income, education levels and mental health compared to non-voters

The American Medical Association recognizes this link ...



In June 2022, the American Medical Association formally recognized **voting as a social determinant of health**



**Voting as a
Social Determinant
of Health**

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION 422

OVERALL FINDINGS:

More Voting Access, Better Health Outcomes

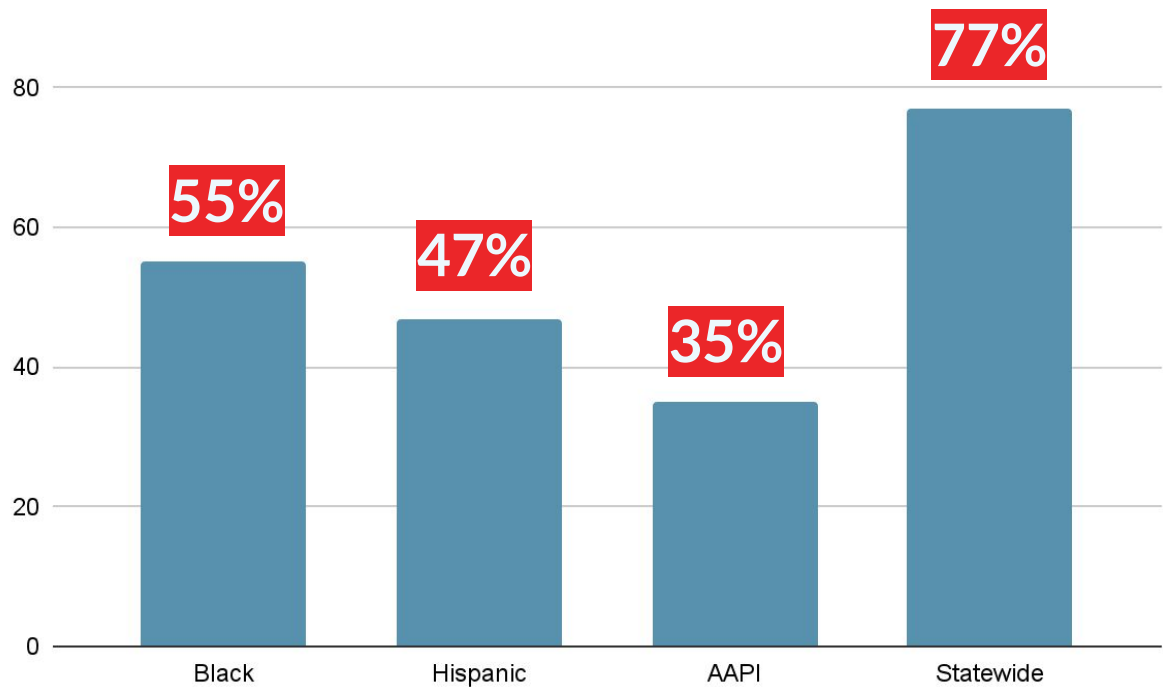
States with more inclusive voting policies and greater levels of civic participation are healthier.



KS Numbers



VOTER REGISTRATION RATES





TheVoterNetwork.org

You don't need to know the name of your city council member before you encourage people to vote. We have resources to support you, and we're all part of your network now!

- Weekly group calls/training with local staff
- Nonpartisan, comprehensive, online ballot guide at [KSBallot.org](https://ksballot.org) and [KSBoleta.org](https://ksboleta.org)
- Election timelines
- Template emails, flyers, & social media graphics
- Access to our Voter to Voter program!

DON'T SIT OUT YOUR LOCAL ELECTIONS!

This year we're **ELECTING OUR LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS, CITY COUNCILS**, and in some cases, **MAYORS**.

FEWER PEOPLE SHOW UP IN LOCAL ELECTIONS!
In Kansas the turnout is around 20%, and these races are **often won or lost by just a couple of votes**.
This means YOUR vote has extra weight.

GET READY TO VOTE IN KANSAS

1. Make sure you're registered to vote.

Check your existing registration, re-register if you've moved recently, or register to vote for the first time! Do it online **before the October 17 deadline** at [KSVotes.org](https://ksvotes.org).



2. Get ready to vote early.

It's free, easy, and safe to vote by mail in Kansas! Fill out an online request for an advance ballot at [KSVotes.org](https://ksvotes.org).



3. Be an informed voter.

Head over to [KSBallot.org](https://ksballot.org) to learn what races are on your ballot, research your candidates, and make a plan to vote early or on Election day.



4. VOTE!

ADVANCE BALLOT? YOU HAVE THREE OPTIONS:

Mail it back

Take it to a **drop box location**. Find them at [KSBallot.org](https://ksballot.org).

Take it to a **polling location**, either early or on election day. Find these locations at [KSBallot.org](https://ksballot.org).

IN PERSON, EARLY? Want to vote before election day in person? Early voting locations will be **open by October 18** in many places. Check for locations and dates at [KSBallot.org](https://ksballot.org).

ON ELECTION DAY? Want to vote on the day itself? Polls are open **November 7** until **7pm**. Find out where your polling location is at [KSBallot.org](https://ksballot.org).

Learn more about the November 7 election and how to encourage your friends to vote at www.thevoternetwork.org



The Voter Network is a nonpartisan, nonprofit focused on creating stronger communities in Kansas through voter education and engagement. The Voter Network is not affiliated with or representing any election official.



WHO THE
MESSAGE COMES
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WHO DO WE TRUST WITH OUR LIVES?

THE TRUSTED MESSENGER STUDY

The Inaugural Study of Who Americans Trust
On Social and Societal Issues

Research By:



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72% of the general population deem their spouse or partner most trustworthy for information around social issues, followed by:

- immediate family members (66%)
- **medical professionals** (60%)
- close friends (59%)
- and scientists (51%)

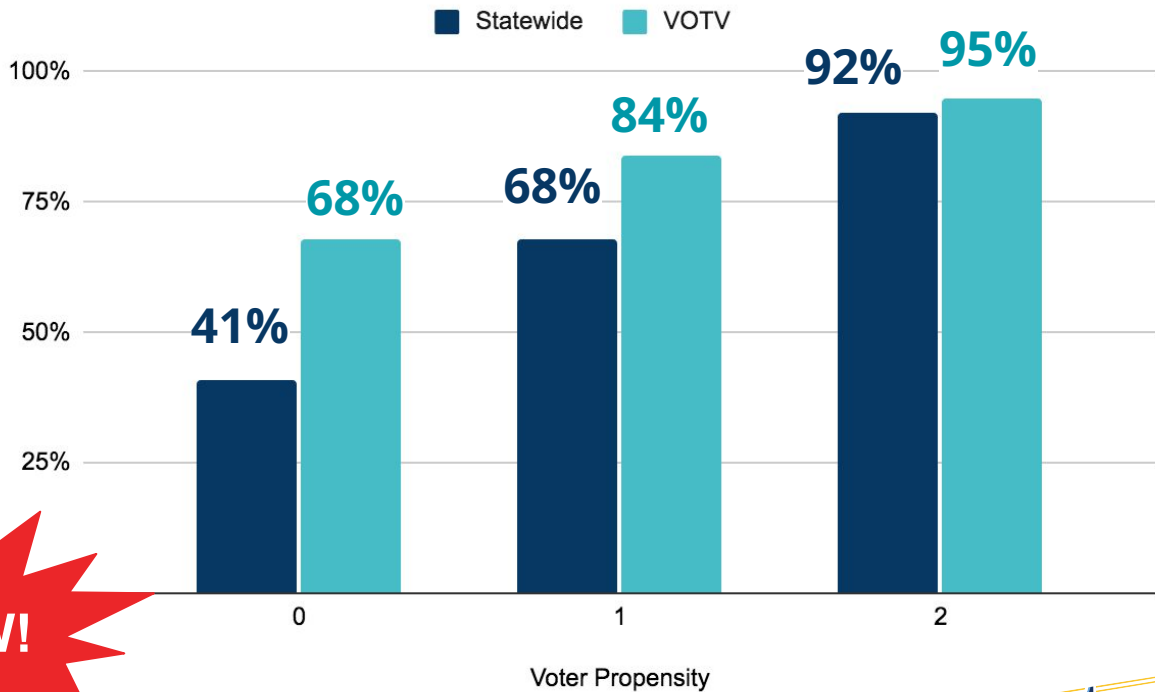
Local or community leaders are seen as the next most trustworthy:

- **pastors/religious leaders** (40%)
- teachers (39%)
- **church members** (32%)
- and local business owners (31%)

Americans no longer know who they should turn to for reliable information. In these highly political and often polarized times, who the message comes from is just as important—if not more—than *what* the specific content of the message is.

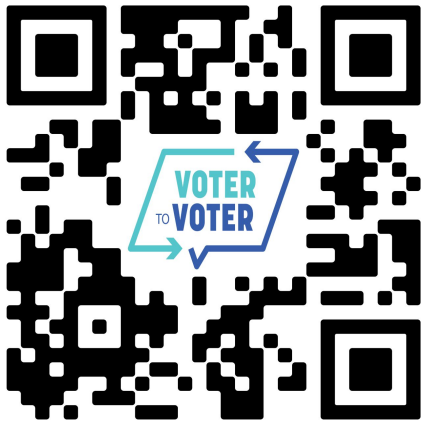
**BIG impact
on nonvoters**

LOOK AT THOSE LOW PROPENSITY VOTERS! (Nov. 2020)



WOW!

What now?!



Scan to join!



NEXT STEPS

- Sign up for the **Voter to Voter** 'Faith Voters' team with the QR code.
- Pick 10 people in your personal network who are not regular voters.
- Watch for emails from us with resources you can share with patients/classmates/friends.
- Follow us on social media [@thevoternetwork](https://www.instagram.com/thevoternetwork).