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.
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.
In June 2022, the American Medical Association formally recognized voting as a social determinant of health.
OVERALL FINDINGS:

More Voting Access, Better Health Outcomes

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

https://democracyindex.hdhp.us/
KS Numbers

VOTER REGISTRATION RATES

55%
47%
77%
35%

Black
Hispanic
AAPI
Statewide

YOUR VOTE MATTERS
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 and KSBoleta.org
- Election timelines
- Template emails, flyers, & social media graphics
- Access to our Voter to Voter program!
WHO THE MESSAGE COMES FROM IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE MESSAGE.
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!

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What now?!

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://thevoternetwork.org).