Hawk The Vote

International Students & Civic Engagement
Who are we?

• Hawk the Vote is a non-partisan student initiative on campus working to increase voter registration, education, and turn-out.

• We are a team of 4 undergraduate students that are passionate about voter engagement.

• Part of the Office of Leadership, Service and Civic Engagement in the Division of Student Life.
What is Civic Engagement?

- Working to make a difference in your community through service and action

- Methods of civic engagement:
  - **Participation in politics**: voting, volunteering for campaigns, registering people to vote, serving on commissions and boards
  - **Community service**: volunteering for non-profits, helping with the 2020 Census, advocating for a cause you're passionate about, lobbying elected officials
  - **Civil discourse**: talking to your peers about what you believe/care about, engaging across political differences, seeking to understand rather than criticize
You might be thinking to yourself...

Who cares?!
type in the chat...

• What is an issue you care about?
  • For example: climate change, visas, immigration, healthcare, education

and/or...

• What is something you have done to be civically engaged since the beginning of your time at the UI?
Participation in Politics

• **Research** political processes in your home country – can you participate from a distance?

• **Educate** yourself on issues in U.S. politics that may impact you while you are here – can you think of any?

• **Volunteer** for a U.S. party or candidate you like – you don’t have to be a U.S. citizen to make calls, knock doors, send texts, or even work for a campaign!
Community Service

• **Find** a cause you care about and volunteer for a relevant organization. [Check out this link for local opportunities.](#)

• **Participate** in UI student government, ISAAC, or presidential charter committees.

• **Advocate** for a cause you care about, by writing letters, making calls, or lobbying at the local, state, or federal level.
Civil Discourse

• **Read** a local news outlet and talk with your friends or teammates about a current event.

• **Watch** a town hall or political debate with friends or teammates and discuss what you think about the candidates.

• **Join** a local chapter of Braver Angels or a similar group to engage across differences.

• **Learn** about polarization and the impact it has on U.S. politics.
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