Researching the Candidates & Detecting Misinformation
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

- We hold office hours in IMU 145
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<th>The 90% Challenge</th>
<th>• Student group gets 90% of their members registered to vote &amp; 50% to participate in a civic engagement workshop</th>
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<td>Voting Ambassadors</td>
<td>• Student volunteers recruited from different areas of campus who are charged with contacting 50-100 of the peers in their networks.</td>
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<td>Classroom Presentations</td>
<td>• Volunteers do a quick presentation/Q&amp;A session for classes, or faculty can play 4-minute video and post a slide to ICON.</td>
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trying to figure out who to vote for can feel like...
WELCOME

Vote informed on every candidate and referendum

Explore.
Dive into the background and opinions of every candidate.

Save.
Find a reason to vote for every office on the ballot, and save your choices as you go.

Vote.
Breeze through the ballot box by bringing your voter guide to the polls.

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United States municipal elections, 2021

Ballotpedia is covering municipal elections in 22 counties and 71 cities, including 43 mayoral elections, in 2021. We provide comprehensive coverage of elections on the ballot in America’s 100 largest cities by population each year. We also cover elections for mayors, city council members, and district attorneys in each state capital.

On this page, you will find information on:

- 2021 municipal battleground elections
- Mayoral partisanship information
- List of municipal elections by state and by date
- List of mayors of the 100 largest cities
- Historical municipal election data

### 2021 municipal battleground elections

See also: Battlegrounds

Ballotpedia designated certain 2021 elections as battlegrounds—races expected to have a
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# Iowa Senate

## The Issues

### Affordable Care Act
**Support Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare?**
- **Joni Ernst (Republican • Incumbent)**
  - Repeal. "Obamacare is not sustainable in Iowa and we have to act." Supports continued coverage for pre-existing conditions while replacing ACA.
- **Theresa Greenfield (Democrat)**
  - Support. "I’ll protect the Affordable Care Act — including the Medicaid expansion helping our community hospitals stay open — and strengthen it."

### Campaign Finance
**Require political ads to disclose their largest funders?**
- **Joni Ernst (Republican • Incumbent)**
  - Unclear. Voted against Democratic bill requiring increased disclosure of political funders.
- **Theresa Greenfield (Democrat)**
  - Yes. Get rid of “secret, unlimited cash flooding our elections through dark money groups.”

### Climate Change
**Consider human-caused climate change a serious threat?**
- **Joni Ernst (Republican • Incumbent)**
  - No. "I think there is probably a contribution ... [by humans, but] ... if we wipe all industry off the face of the Earth, our climate is still going to change."
- **Theresa Greenfield (Democrat)**
  - Yes. Advocates "urgent climate action." "Climate change is getting worse. We’ve seen it in extensive floods that destroy our fields and wash away parts of our cities."

See [Guides.vote](https://guides.vote) for online guides with links and sources

Volunteer for Joni Ernst
[Joniernst.com](https://joniernst.com)

Volunteer for Theresa Greenfield
[greenfieldforiowa.com](https://greenfieldforiowa.com)
The City Council consists of seven members; four represent the City at-large and three represent districts. At-Large Council candidates are nominated by eligible electors (a person 18 years of age and residing in Iowa City). District candidates are nominated by eligible electors within their respective districts.

There will be a City Council election on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. The openings will be for two (2) at-Large seats, and one (1) District B seat, terms expiring January 2, 2025. A Primary election (if needed) will be held on Tuesday, October 5, 2021.

A list of Iowa City Precincts and their Districts along with a map can be found on the Johnson County Auditor’s webpage, Iowa City Council Districts.
What is misinformation, and how does it spread?

- Foreign powers have been trying to influence U.S. Elections by creating armies of fake personalities on social media called “bots.”
- Misinformation can spread very rapidly online – studies have shown fake news can spread up to *three times faster* than real news on Facebook.
- Facebook and Twitter have removed *thousands* of fake accounts from their platforms since 2016.
- It can be extremely hard to distinguish fake news from real news – let’s see how you do!
Your Turn - Spot the Troll!

https://spotthetroll.org/start
Detecting Disinformation: Tips and Tricks

- Consider the Source
- Check the Author
- Check the Date
- Check Your Biases
- Read Beyond
- Supporting Sources?
- Is It a Joke?
- Ask the Experts
Questions?

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