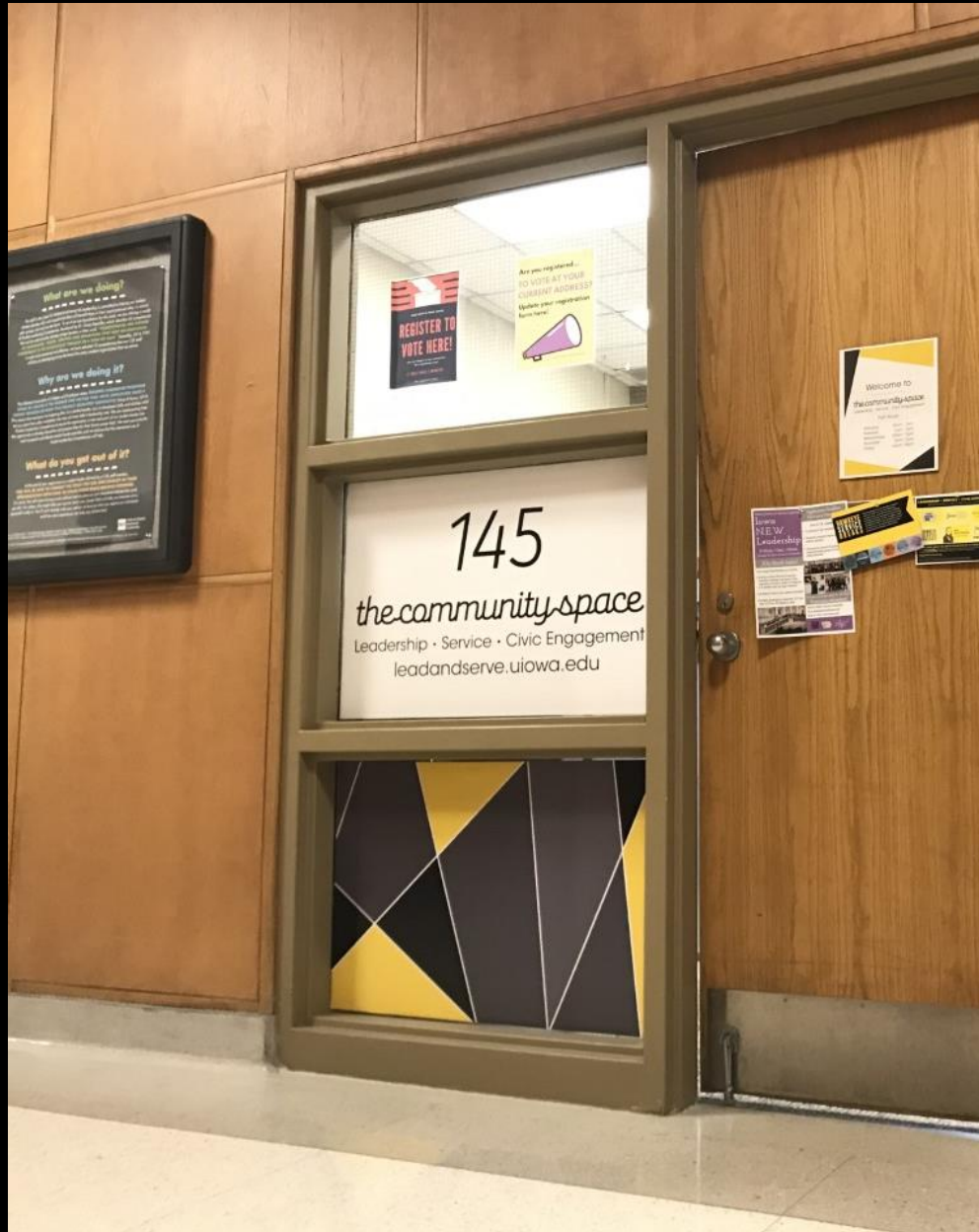


Researching the Candidates & Detecting Misinformation



# 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

## The 90% Challenge

- Student group gets 90% of their members registered to vote & 50% to participate in a civic engagement workshop

## Voting Ambassadors

- Student volunteers recruited from different areas of campus who are charged with contacting 50-100 of the peers in their networks.

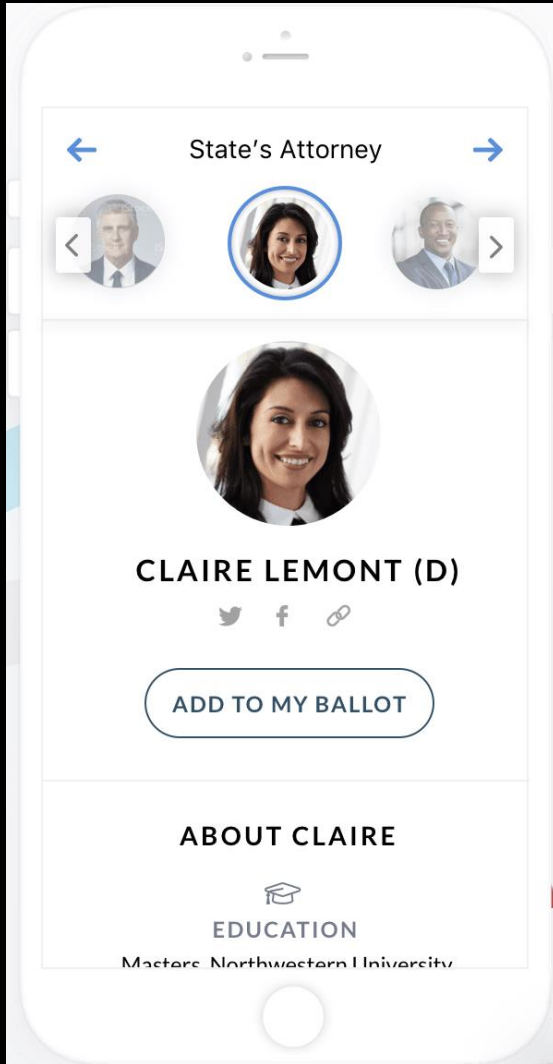
## Classroom Presentations

- Volunteers do a quick presentation/Q&A session for classes, or faculty can play 4-minute video and post a slide to ICON.

trying to figure  
out who to  
vote for can  
feel like...



**IOWA**



WELCOME

## Vote informed on every candidate and referendum



### Explore.

Dive into the background and opinions of every candidate.



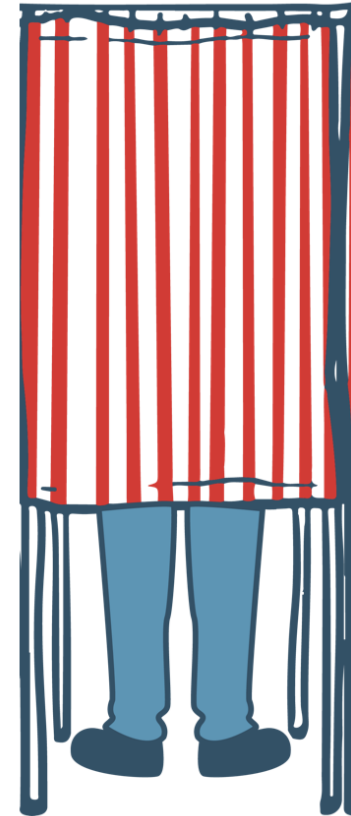
### Save.

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.



[BALLOTREADY.ORG](https://ballotready.org)

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**VOTE**

# 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](#)

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# MEET THE CANDIDATES



## LAUREN BERGUS

"I WANT TO IMPROVE THE PROCESS SO IOWA CITY CAN ACHIEVE MORE OF ITS PROGRESSIVE GOALS WITH THE RESOURCES WE HAVE, AND EMPOWER PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE MEANINGFULLY IN THEIR CITY."

# MEET THE CANDIDATES



## MEGAN ALTER

"I WANT TO IMPROVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, AND INCREASE AVAILABILITY TO CHILD CARE. I AM ALSO DETERMINED TO FILTER MY DECISION-MAKING THROUGH CONSIDERATIONS ON CLIMATE ACTION AND IMPACTS ON EQUITY IN THE COMMUNITY."

# Iowa Senate

**CAMPUS  
ELECTION  
ENGAGEMENT  
PROJECT**



register.  
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vote.

## THE ISSUES

**JONI  
ERNST**

REPUBLICAN • INCUMBENT



**THERESA  
GREENFIELD**

DEMOCRAT



See [Guides.vote](#) for online guides with links and sources

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

Volunteer for Theresa Greenfield  
[greenfieldforiowa.com](http://greenfieldforiowa.com)

### AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Support Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare?

Repeal. [“Obamacare is not sustainable in Iowa and we have to act.”](#) Supports [continued coverage for pre-existing conditions](#) while replacing ACA.

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?

Unclear. [Voted against](#) Democratic bill [requiring increased disclosure](#) of political funders.

Yes. Get rid of [“secret, unlimited cash flooding our elections through dark money groups.”](#)

### CLIMATE CHANGE

Consider human-caused climate change a serious threat?

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.”](#)

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.”](#)

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## City Council elections

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](#).

<https://www.icgov.org/ICgovXpress>

[Dates and Deadlines](#) can be found on the Johnson County Auditor's webpage. [Candidates and Ballot](#)

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# 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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