

GET OUT THE VOTE!



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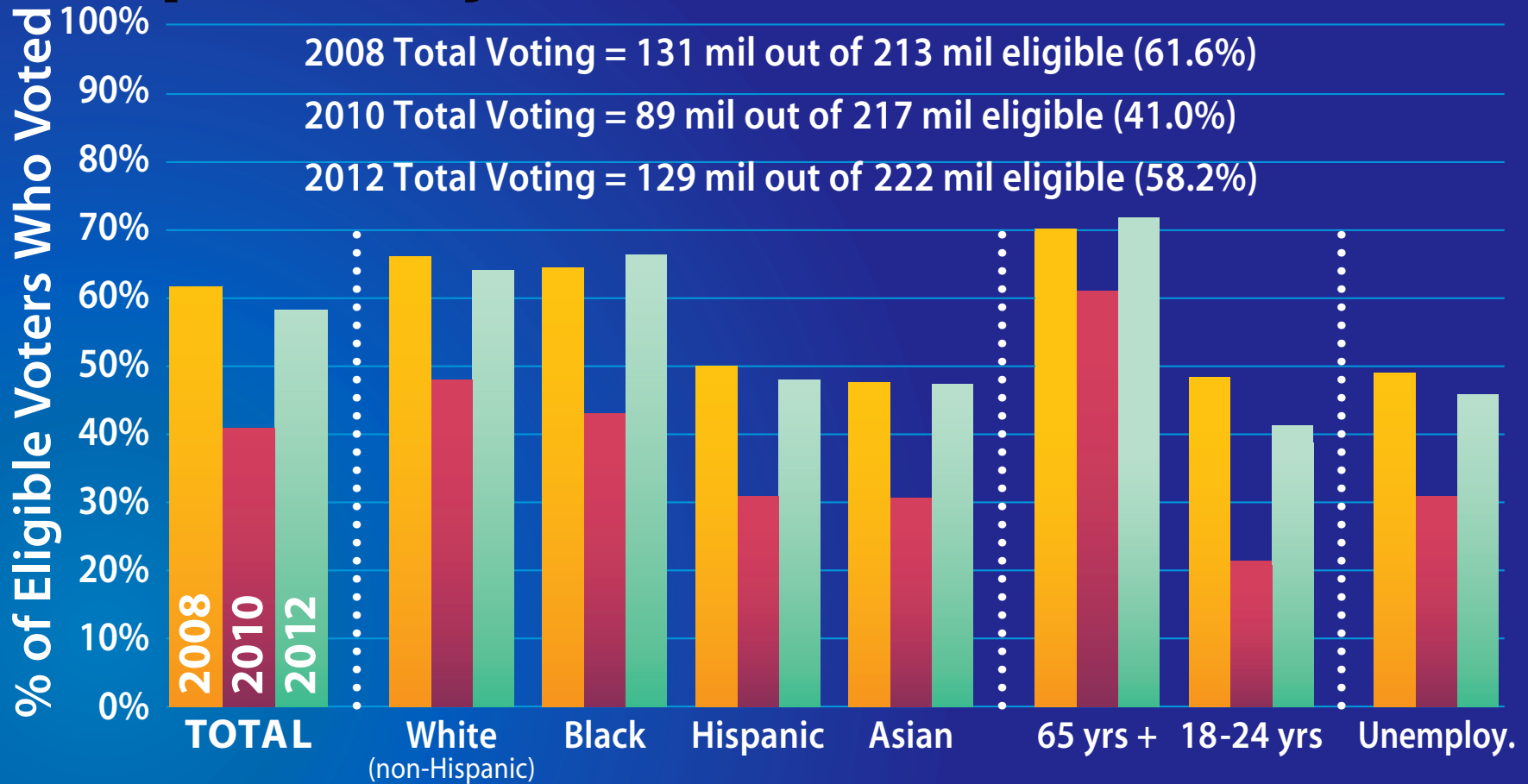


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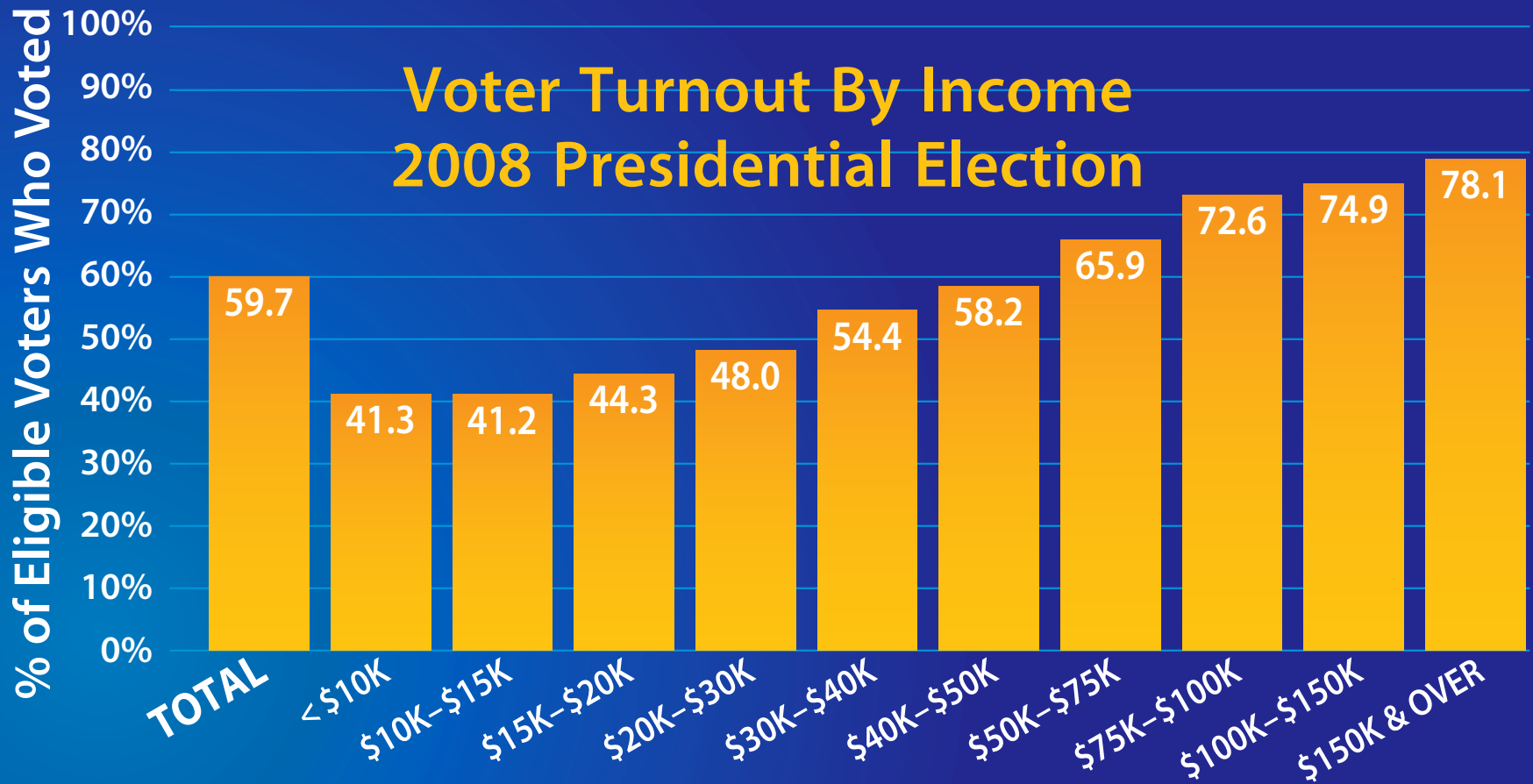
U.S. Voter Turnout Is Apathetic, Especially In Midterm Elections



Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey (www.Census.gov) & Pew Research Center (www.PewResearch.org)
Totals from U.S. Elections Project by Dr. Michael McDonald (www.Elections.gmu.edu/Turnout)

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The Higher Your Income The Higher Your Voter Participation

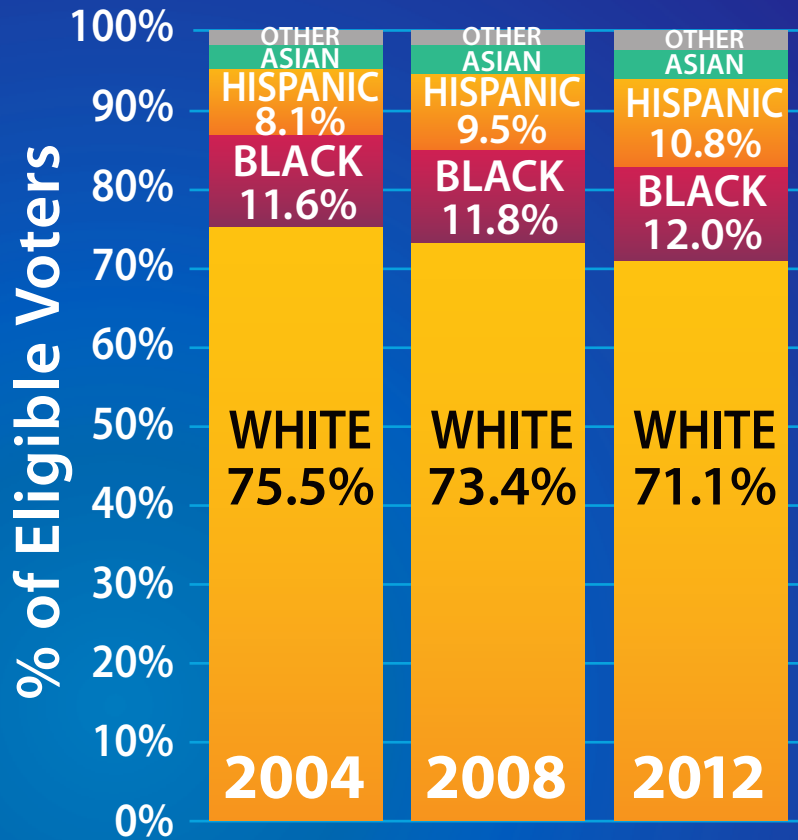


Source: Demos (www.Demos.org) based on data from U.S. Census Bureau (www.Census.gov)

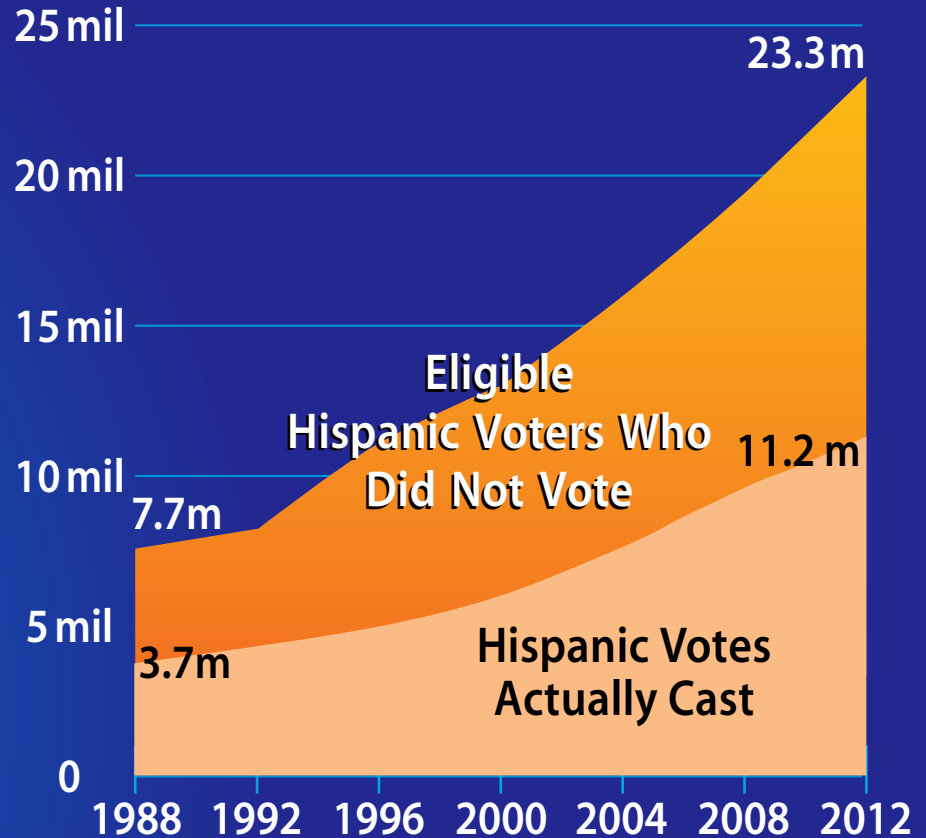
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Untapped Power Of Hispanic Voters

1% = 2.2 mil Eligible Voters (2012) :



Hispanic Participation In Presidential Elections

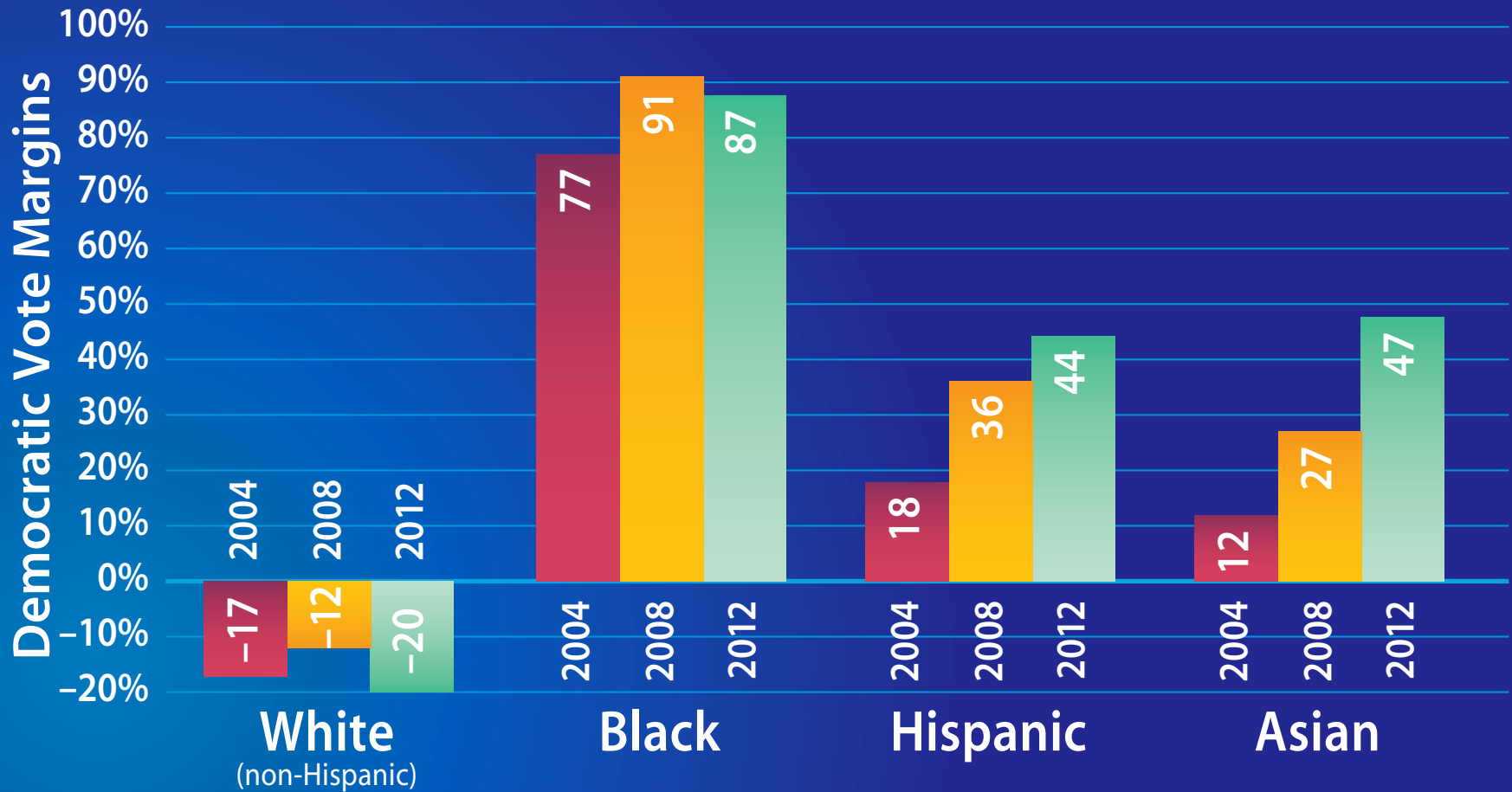


Sources: "Minority Turnout Determined the 2012 Election," Brookings Institution, May 10, 2013 (www.Brookings.edu)
 "Six take-aways from the Census Bureau's voting report," Pew Research Center, May 8, 2013 (www.PewResearch.org)

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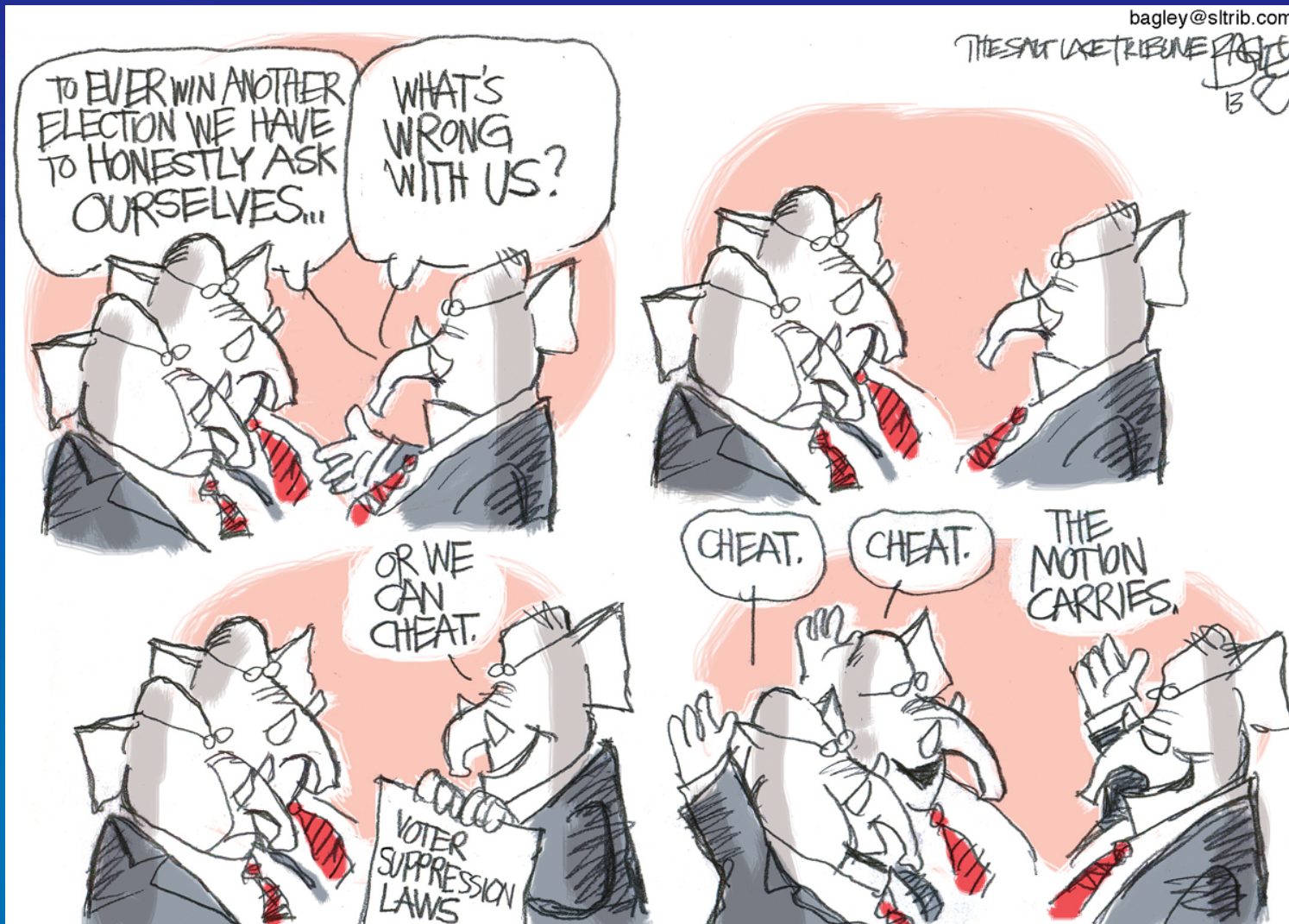
Democrats Win Big With Minority Voters

% Voting for Democratic candidate minus % voting for Republican candidate



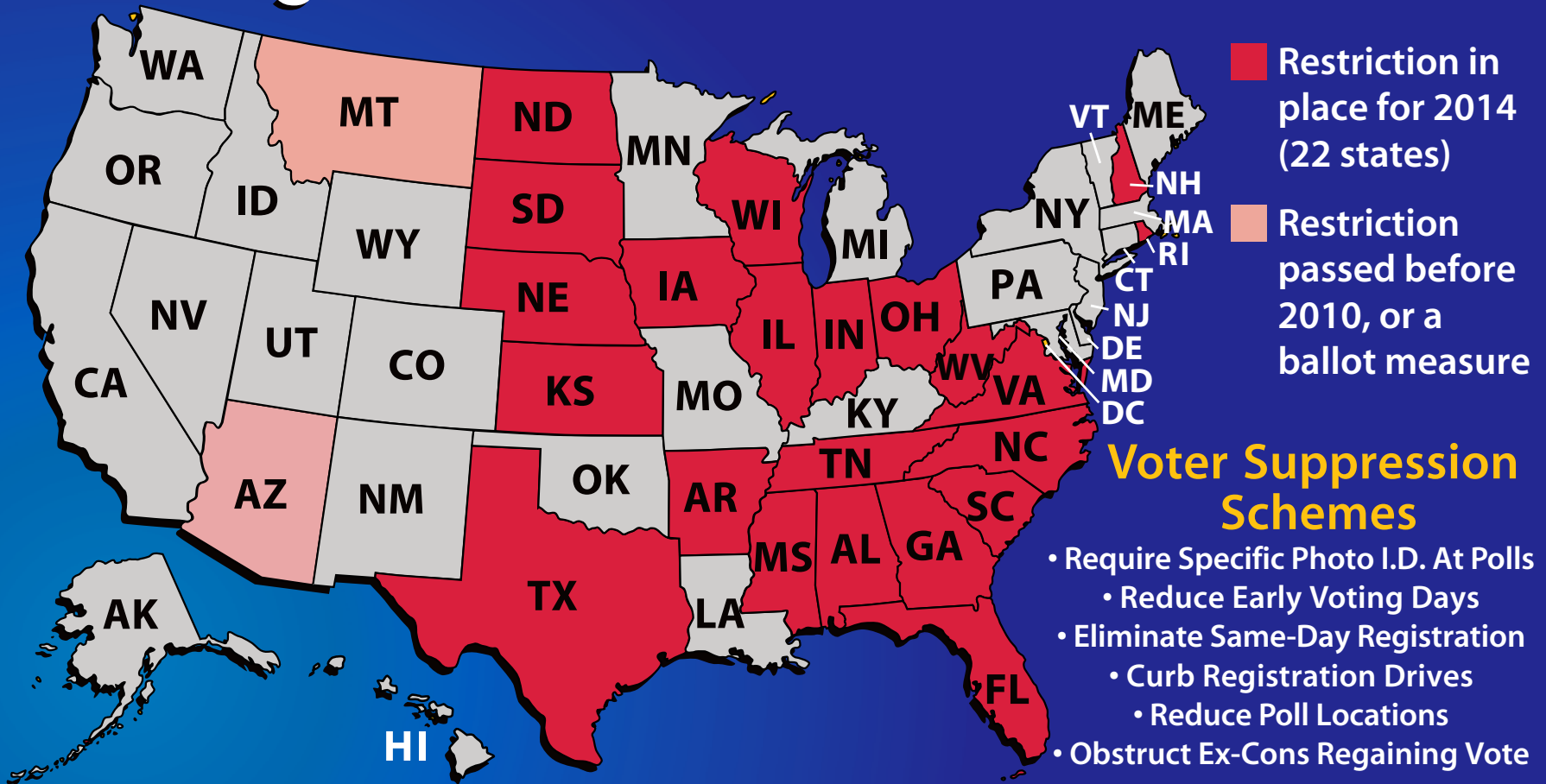
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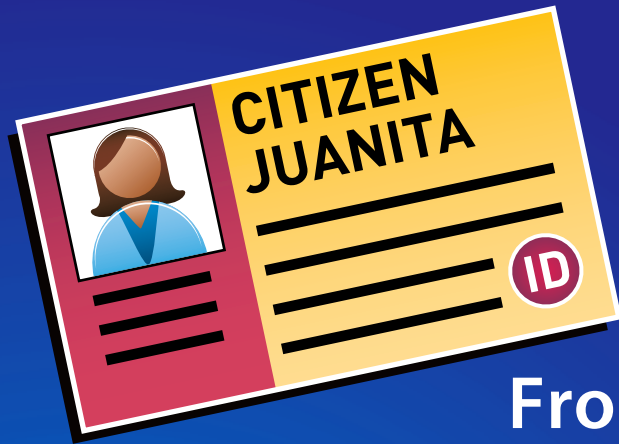
**"If You Can't Beat 'em,
Cheat 'em!""***

Map of **SHAME**: States With New Voting Restrictions Since Nov 2010



Source: Brennan Center for Justice, as of June 18, 2014 (www.BrennanCenter.org)

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Voter Photo I.D.: A Solution In Search Of A Problem

From 2000 to 2010, there were
649,000,000 votes cast in general elections and
only **13** cases of in-person voter impersonation.

That's an infinitesimal

0.0000002%

During that same time, there were actually way more
UFO sightings (47,000) & Americans killed by lightning (441)

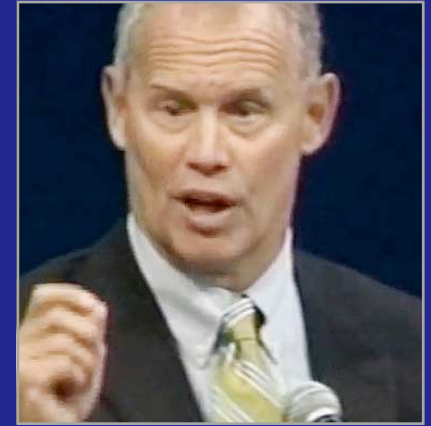
Sources: "UFO Sightings Are More Common Than Voter Fraud," *Mother Jones*, July 3, 2012 (www.MotherJones.com)
Also see News21, a Carnegie-Knight investigative reporting project, which confirmed just 10 cases of voter impersonation.

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Greatest (Worst!) Hits From The “I have a scheme” Crowd:

“Voter I.D. — which is going to allow Governor Romney to win the state of Pennsylvania — Done!”

– *Pennsylvania House Republican Leader Mike Turzai, June 23, 2012*

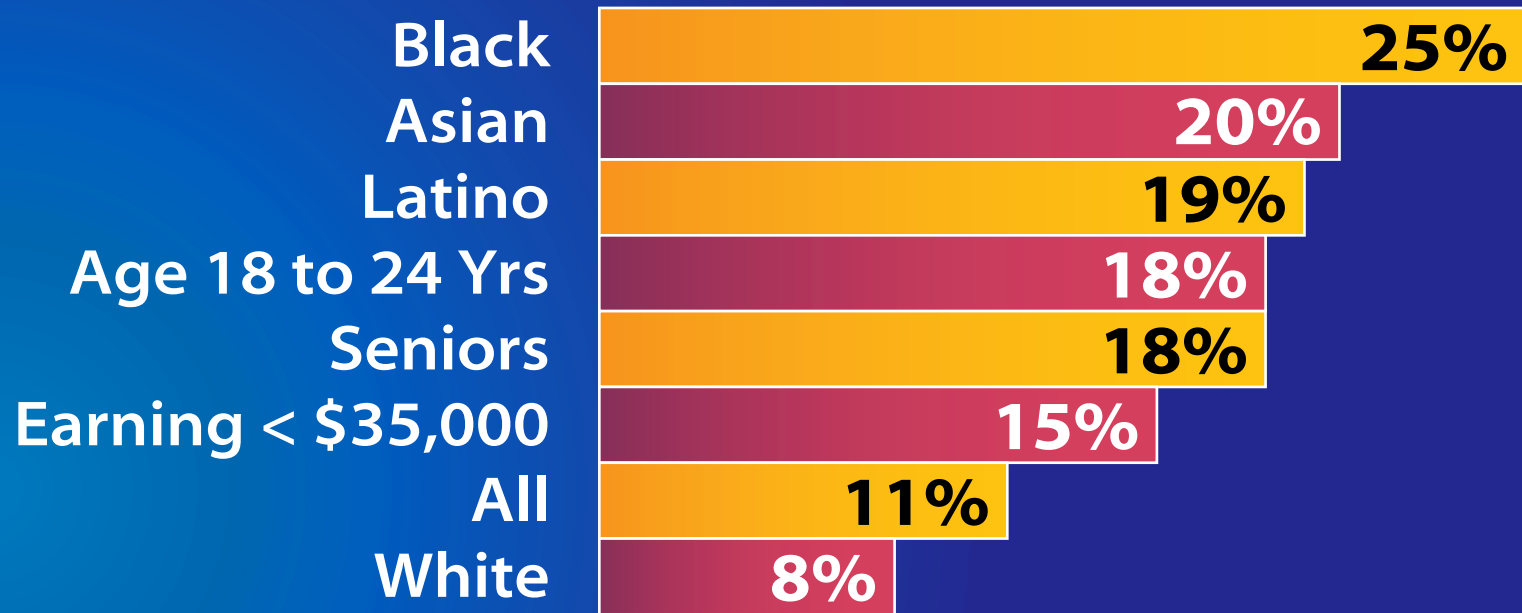


“I don’t have a problem making (voting) harder. I want people in Florida to want to vote as bad as that person in Africa who walks 200 miles across the desert. This should not be easy.”

– *Republican Florida State Senator Mike Bennett, May 5, 2011*

20,000,000+

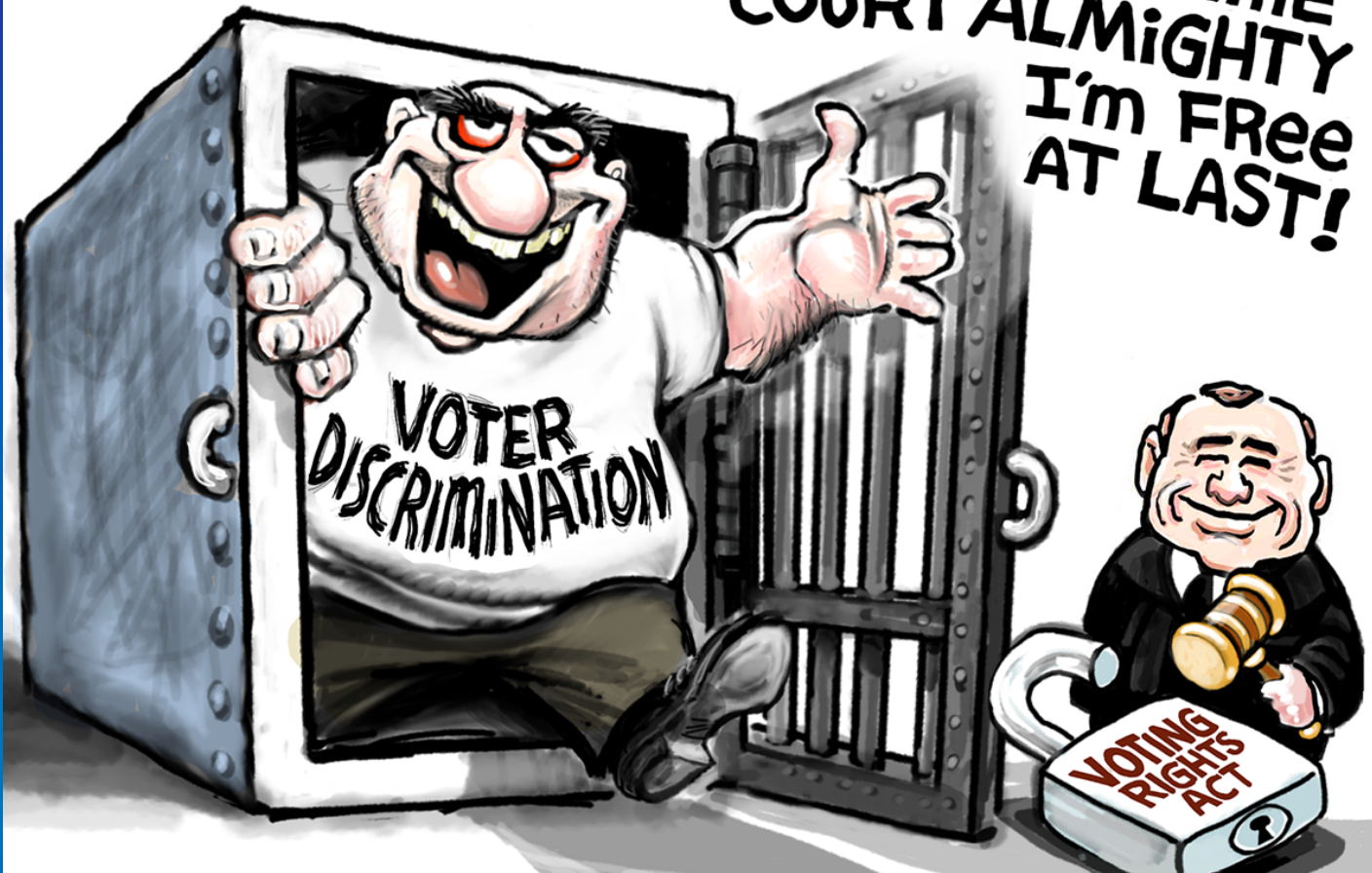
Voting age U.S. citizens don't have the type of photo I.D. required by recently passed state voter I.D. laws.



Sources: "UFO Sightings Are More Common Than Voter Fraud," *Mother Jones*, July 3, 2012 (www.MotherJones.com);
20,000,000+ number from Brennan Center for Justice as shown on craigconnects infographic (www.craigconnects.org)

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I'm FREE
AT LAST!**



Most Republicans Used To Support The Voting Rights Act (VRA). **Not Anymore!**

**1970: Extended VRA
For 5 Years**

**SENATE VOTE: 64-12
HOUSE VOTE: 234-179**

**1975: Extended VRA
For 7 Years**

**SENATE VOTE: 77-12
HOUSE VOTE: 341-70**

**1982: Extended VRA
For 25 Years**

**SENATE VOTE: 85-8
HOUSE VOTE: 389-24**

**2006: Extended VRA
For 25 Years**

**SENATE VOTE: 98-0
HOUSE VOTE: 390-33**

Since Supreme Court's right-wing majority gutted VRA Section 5 (preclearance) in 2013, Republicans blocking VRA update.

Sources: The Rachel Maddow Show, Feb 28, 2013 (www.msnbc.com/rachel-maddow-show.com)

Also see Project Vote Smart for 2006 vote count (www.VoteSmart.org)

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“I’m too busy.”

“I couldn’t get to
the polling station.”

Fighting Voter Apathy: **Procedural Hurdles**

“Voting is too much
of a hassle.”

“I don’t have the
right kind of voter I.D.”

“It doesn’t make much
difference in my life.”

“I’m not interested in politics.”

Fighting Voter Apathy: Low Information

“I can’t decide who to vote for —
I’m totally confused.”

“I don’t know enough
about politics to participate.”

“My vote won’t make any difference.”

“Nothing ever gets done anyway:
It’s a bunch of empty promises.”

Fighting Voter Apathy: **Cynicism**

“None of the candidates
deserves my vote.”

“Both sides are the same
so voting doesn’t matter.”

Every Vote Does Matter: Just Ask Senator Al Franken!



In 2008, Al Franken won the Minnesota Senate race by just **312** votes out of a total of **2,887,646** votes cast. That's a win by **0.01%**!

The election of Sen. Al Franken gave Democrats the 60th vote needed to break a Republican filibuster and pass the Affordable Care Act.

Sources: Wikipedia page for Al Franken, cited data from "Election Reporting," Minnesota Secretary of State, April 10, 2009 and "Don't ever think your vote doesn't count, because..." Douglas County Election Center (<http://cltr.co.douglas.nv.us>)

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“Sadly, it took me years—decades—to see the illogic of supporting people who disdain me.”

“I have a close friend on permanent disability. He votes reliably for the most extreme conservative in every election... the person most likely to slash the program he depends on daily for his own survival. **It’s like clinging to the end of a thin rope and voting for the rope-cutting razor party...** (Poor people) should wise up and vote themselves a break. Rich people vote their self-interest in every single election. Why don’t poor people?”

From “I Was Poor, But a GOP Die-Hard: How I Finally Left the Politics of Shame”



**“Sometimes politicians
don’t see the light until
they feel the heat.”**

*– U.S. Representative Keith Ellison (D-MN),
Co-Chair of Congressional Progressive Caucus*

VOTE = HEAT

So Turn Up The Heat: Vote Smart In Every Election

Source: YouTube video posted Oct 17, 2011

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99% VOTE,
THE 1% WON'T
MATTER.



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"Busy Majority" said by Jon Stewart, Sept 2010

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