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Election Integrity

Discussion Guide

Let's get started

Each member is invited to give a **two minute reaction** to the brief answering the following questions. You may want to use a timer as you go around the room. And don't forget to decide who will take notes and post a discussion recap.

- What lens did you wear when reviewing this brief (e.g. personal, professional, etc.)?
- What did you find most interesting from reading the brief?
- What do you most care about regarding this issue?

Let's discuss

- Aside from voting, have you ever volunteered on a campaign or in the election process? What did you gain from the experience?
- What has prevented you from participating in the election process? What would encourage you to do so?
- What types of voting fraud from the brief most concerned you?
- What additional information would you need to participate as a pollworker?
- What is your opinion on requiring voter IDs?

Let's act

- How does election integrity affect our community? Is this an issue we'd like to learn more about? If so, who could serve as point people?
- What organizations, legislators, experts and journalists could we contact to ask questions, learn more and get engaged?
- Who can post a meeting recap of this discussion and be a resource to other circles on this issue?

Key Facts

- States oversee elections, based on election guidance in Article 1 of the U.S. Constitution.
- **Election fraud occurs in every state** and most frequently occurs on Election Day.
- Election **fraud can take a variety of forms**, including: illegal assistance at the polls, impersonation fraud at the polls, false registration, duplicate voting, ineligible voting, buying votes, altering the vote count, and stuffing the ballot box.
- Serving as an **election judge or a pollwatcher** are two significant ways you can participate and help to ensure the integrity of local elections.
- Some of the most egregious election fraud occurs in **nursing homes and when closing the polls**; serving as pollwatchers for just a couple of hours in either of these ways one of the most impactful ways to ensure integrity in the election process.
- To be a pollworker, contact your local political party or your state election authority (links available in the brief).