



symbolic meaning of their activity has an unmistakable political meaning: the voter's participation in the upcoming election is important. This meaning would be altogether different if the form in question were a health survey or petition to bring back reruns of a defunct TV series. Registration drives are without question acts of political expression.

5. Finally, community-based registration drives frequently target groups with low registration rates precisely because unregistered adults in these groups are often unlikely to register otherwise. Although in principle every American has equal access to registration forms and information about how to register, in practice levels of information, interest in politics, and feelings of connection to the electoral process decline markedly as one moves from middle-class communities to low-income communities. Community-based registration drives and the encouragement that canvassers provide when distributing registration materials are designed to close the socioeconomic gap in electoral participation.

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