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In five weeks, we get to exercise our right to vote in the presidential election (and many other important state and federal races).

TDI recently added a new [2008 election resources](#) page to our site that compiles a host of terrific websites to assist faculty, staff and students with the upcoming election.

It seems that student voter registration efforts on campuses often generate some controversy and media attention - and this election is no different. You might have read [Inside Higher Education's](#) article about cautionary information distributed by a Virginia County Registrar to out-of-state students who try to register to vote locally. Students were advised to consider whether registering locally would affect their scholarships, their status as dependents, and even their health insurance coverage. We want to be sure campuses know about the [Brennan Center for Justice](#) at NYU, [Your Vote Your Voice](#), and [Rock the Vote](#). These resources can debunk some of the vote-chilling messages that are being shared in student communities. Please pass this on to the individuals on your campus (and on other campuses) responsible for student voter registration.

We're also worried about spin vis-à-vis facts and emotions vis-à-vis reason, as well as the dizzying amount of information that the campaigns and media generate about this election. So we've added links to sites that help voters understand and discuss the issues and check the veracity of campaign rhetoric. You'll find links to [factcheck.org](#), [votegopher.com](#) and [Public Agenda's](#) Voter's Survival Kit - among others.

We welcome your contributions to this tidy resource!