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iVote Launches Multimillion Research Program to go on the Offense for Voting Rights

First in a new series of polls found overwhelming support for mail-in ballots and other pro-voter reforms

WASHINGTON — As voters begin casting ballots in the 2026 midterm elections, inaugural polling from [iVote Research](#) finds strong opposition to a federal government takeover of the administration of state elections and overwhelming support for training and hiring more poll workers (90%), making Election Day a federal holiday (82%), and ensuring that all states have options for early in-person voting (82%).

The national survey of 800 likely November 2026 voters also found:

- Three in four (74%) oppose the federal government taking over the administration of state elections, including opposition from majorities of Republicans (54%) and Trump 2024 voters (56%).
- Seven in ten (69%) oppose the federal government keeping lists of voters' personal information from state governments and commercial databases, including three in four independents (74%).
- Nearly two in three oppose having ICE agents stationed at their polling location (64%).

The national iVote Research survey marks the launch of an ongoing series of polls and focus groups by [iVote](#), a national voting rights organization dedicated to expanding participation in voting by eligible Americans.

“With iVote Research, we’re making a multimillion-dollar investment to go on the offense for voting rights and find out what Americans actually think about our elections: what their experience with voting is, which reforms they support, where there is common ground, and how we can move forward,” said **Ellen Kurz, founder of iVote**. “This project is about countering misinformation and putting facts and data behind the conversation about how we make our elections work better and ensure every eligible American has the opportunity to vote.”

Voters favor more options to vote

Voters also favor several reforms to make voting more accessible. For example, 9 in 10 support training and hiring more poll workers, while 82% support making Election Day a federal holiday and 82% support ensuring early in-person voting is available in every state.

Voters also support several measures related to voting by mail. Three-quarters support giving the U.S. Postal Service resources to deliver mail ballots more quickly and securely, and the same share support providing more secure ballot drop boxes. 71% of voters support allowing ballots received before Election Day to be processed early.

Asked separately when mail ballots should be processed, 63% of voters said election officials should be allowed to verify and process ballots as they arrive so that votes can be counted faster, compared with 28% who said officials should wait until Election Day.

Additionally, nearly 6 in 10 (58%) of all voters support issuing a government ID similar to a social security card to every U.S. citizen that registers to vote, including a majority (55%) of independents.

Strong opposition to reducing voting options

The survey found equally strong opposition to proposals that would reduce opportunities to vote. 92% oppose reducing polling-place hours, 90% oppose reducing the number of polling places, and 74% oppose ending in-person early voting.

Other findings show:

- 74% oppose the federal government taking over state elections
- 64% oppose stationing ICE agents at polling locations
- 62% oppose banning the use of mail-in ballots

“Voters are sending a pretty clear message: make it easier for eligible Americans to participate, not harder,” said **Hari Sevugan, senior advisor to iVote**. “At a moment when so much of the debate is about restricting how people vote, these findings show where voters themselves stand. Through iVote Research, we’ll continue bringing those voices and perspectives into the national conversation, giving the public a clearer picture of where Americans stand on expanding access to the ballot.”

Methodology

David Binder Research conducted the national survey of 800 likely November 2026 voters from September 10–15, 2026 on behalf of iVote Research.

About iVote

iVote Civic Education Fund is a 501(c)(3) non-profit whose mission is to educate the public on voting, elections, and election reforms. Our goal is to increase participation in U.S. elections by all eligible voters. Learn more at <https://ivoterresearch.org/>.

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