



Welcome the stranger.
Protect the refugee.

Taking Action for Refugees

The 2018 Midterm Election

Which is the Most Powerful Place in America?

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What is a Midterm Election?

- Entire House of Representatives
- 1/3 of the Senate
- Some (but not all) Governors Races
- State and local races across the country

The 2018 election

- Referendum on the presidency of Donald Trump
- Has the potential to shift control of one of the houses of Congress
- Record levels of new candidates, who do not come from the political mainstream, and who come from previously underrepresented communities

Get Out the Vote

Voting Tips

- Make a plan to be able to vote.
- Ask for help if you are not sure how to use the machine or if you have accessibility issues.
- Watch out for voter suppression. Check your ballot before you submit. Inform authorities of anything that seems off.

How to Get out the Vote

- Bring someone with you to the polls.
- Talk to your friends and neighbors about voting.
- Volunteer to help get out the vote in the lead-up to the election or on election day
 - Canvassing
 - Phone Banking
 - Postcards

While you are talking to voters, you can also...

- Challenge false and hateful information about refugees
- Draw attention to positive stories and messages about refugees
- Publicly represent your support for welcoming refugees and immigrants

Asking Candidates to Support Refugees

Asking candidates to support welcoming refugees

- Set up a meeting
- Show up at campaign events (town-halls, meet-and greets)
- Arrange your own event, which focuses on refugees
- Use social media and media tools

#MissingNeighbors

- Hang Missing Neighbors posters in your area
- Take a picture of the posters and post it on social media
- Tag HIAS and use the #MissingNeighbors handle. You can also tag candidates.

Non-Profits and Elections

**Don't talk about
candidates.**

Talk about issues.

Do

- Advocate for the issues you care about
- Reach out to candidates in all political parties about those issues
- Promote education and civic engagement

Don't

- Promote any particular candidate or political party.
- Only engage with one political party or candidate
- Explain (or even imply) which candidates are best on your issues

Resources

HIAS Resources

- Go to www.hias.org/election-campaign to find:
 - A guide on candidate outreach, to help get candidates on the record in support of refugees
 - The #MissingNeighbors poster campaign
 - Surveys, to let us know how it is going and how to help