

CIVICS RENEWAL NETWORK

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Issue If Voter ID laws are constitutional or not. Do Voter ID laws protect the citizens of the United States? What amendments define citizenship - and do the Voter ID laws abide by what is stated in those amendments.

Project Description I emailed all my senators and representatives from my state to ask them their opinion on the Voter ID laws. I read many articles discussing both points of view and had many long discussions with my mom and dad about the Voter ID laws. I looked at the Constitution and the amendments that talk specifically about voting and citizenship (15th, 14th, 24th, 26th). I also looked at how different states interpreted the laws and how they chose to enforce them. For example, in New Hampshire strict photo ID requirements will be put in place by September 1st 2015.

Project Outcome I concluded that Voter ID laws were constitutional. This is because these rights make sure people that are not citizens of the United States cannot vote (protecting the value of citizenship). This protects U.S. citizens because it makes citizens have a say in our country's' leaders. Our government system of democracy revolves around the people of the U.S.

Request I would like to know how I can get more involved with the Voter ID law issues. And what I could do to expand my knowledge of them even more.