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Voting Matters:

Debunking Voting Myths &
Discussing the Value of Off-year
Elections

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Voting 101: Debunking Myths Around Ballots and Early Voting

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- ▶ **MYTH:** Provisional ballots do not count.
- ▶ **MYTH:** I can only vote on Election Day and not earlier.



Early Voting – What is it, and How Can You Vote Before Election Day?

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- ▶ Absentee voting (via mail)
- ▶ Early in-person voting

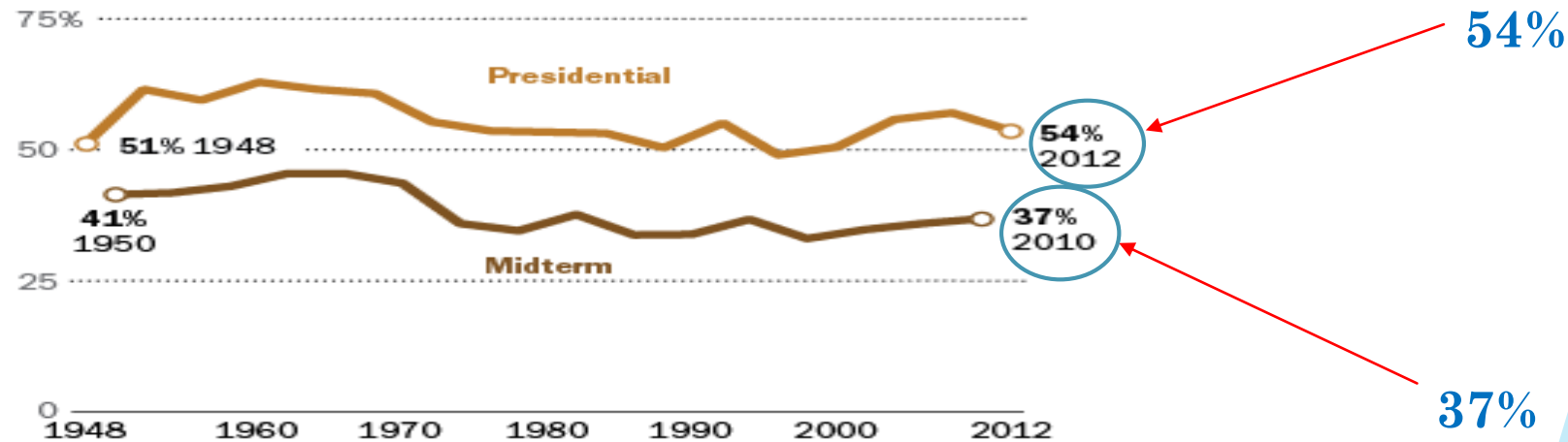


Historical Trends - "Off-Year" Elections Voting

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When the Presidency's Not at Stake, Fewer Voters Turn Out

Turnout rate during ... election years



Note: Turnout rates calculated as total votes cast for president (in presidential election years) or House of Representatives (in midterm election years) divided by voting-age population.

Source: Census Bureau (voting-age population), Office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives (vote totals)

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Local governments may actually have a greater direct impact on your life through...

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- ▶ Local schools,
- ▶ Road maintenance,
- ▶ Policing,
- ▶ Developing laws for the city jurisdiction,
- ▶ Etc.

