

10. If you come upon someone representing a private property adjacent to the public space you're using and they attempt to run you off remind them this is Constitutionally-protected speech. If all else fails, move to a new spot or invite them to call the police.
11. If you encounter an enthusiastic Democrat, ask for their help registering voters. Ask for a contribution to redefeattrump.com/donate. Ask if they are part of a group you might address. Ask if they need an application for an absentee ballot for anyone in the household who will not be home on Election Day, such as students or active-duty military. Then be sure to send the potential absentee voter an absentee ballot application form that you get from the Board of Elections.
12. Carry a clipboard so that when they look out their window to check you out they are reassured that you do not mean them harm.
13. This is beyond voter registration but useful: Ask the Board of Elections for the list of Democrats and independents who have requested an absentee ballot. This is likely updated every month. Also ask for the list of people requesting military ballots. Call, text, send an e-mail or a postcard to the Democrats, reminding them how important it is.
14. If the police or private security goons try to shut you down don't be afraid to make a fuss. Let reporters know that they are engaged in illegal voter suppression activities and that you are working to save American democracy from the ignorant, violent fascist hordes.
15. Get attention by using local neighborhood listservs, podcasts, cable public access shows, non-commercial and public radio stations, public service announcements and other means to publicize your efforts and find more volunteers. Post your picture to your Facebook, X, Twitter or Instagram pages so your friends are inspired to help.
16. Bring some ID and go out as a group or at least in pairs. If you have mobility challenges you can reach out by phone and then when you find an unregistered voter have someone deliver a voter registration form.
17. Rehearse what you'll say about why you support Vice President Harris but do not linger to have a political discussion. Excuse yourself and go to the next house. If they will not politely let you go then take out your cell phone and put it to your ear, telling them you must take this urgent call.
18. You do not need to mention Redefeat Trump unless that helps you tell them which side you're on. The best way to identify yourself is that you are working to defeat Trump, not that you are campaigning on behalf of Harris or the Democrats.

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Difficult Things to do to Redefeat Trump

1. Get some voter registration forms from your Board of Elections. Best to use the form that is specific to your state than the National Voter Registration form. Or use the online version of the National Voter Registration form, which you can complete live at a potential new voter's doorstep.
2. Anyone registering must be an American citizen aged 18 or over by Election Day 11/5/24. Never give anything of value to a citizen to complete a voter registration form.
3. Dress to display your partisan identity, with any Democratic or pro-Harris shirts or buttons. Let them know you are canvassing to find voters for the Democrats to vote against Trump. If you uncover unregistered Republicans they will know this activity is not for them. If they slam the door go to the next one.
4. Registering voters in your own neighborhood or office building. Tell the potential new voter you live or work nearby. If you can, set a fixed place and time to meet, like Saturday at 11:00 AM in front of City Hall, so anyone reached by word-of-mouth knows how to connect up with you. Turn this into a local Meet Up to recruit more volunteers.
5. To get greater success seek out the Democratic Election Commissioner at your Board of Elections. Ask for the voter file for your ward, precinct or election district. Start with heavily Democratic areas. It should not cost more than a few dollars. Get it as a "street list" if you can. The regular listing displays voters alphabetically by last name. The street list shows voters by street address, so you can walk down the street with it and see who is registered at each address. You can identify households with multiple Democrats and ask if there are any family members not yet registered. Knock on the doors at addresses that have no registered voters.
6. No list? No problem! Choose an apartment building and just start knocking on doors. Renters are more likely than homeowners to be Democrats. If they refuse to open the door and talk to you just move on. If you do not have a list of non-registered voters, it is best to canvass in traditionally Democratic neighborhoods, which means neighborhoods of mixed race and ethnicity. Or ask where the most Democratic areas are.
7. Complete the voter registration form while still with the voter and get their signature. If they ask you to leave the form you should but ask for a phone number and/or an e-mail address so you can confirm in a week that it was completed and sent. This is now your voter. You must follow up with them the weekend before Election Day to remind him or her, offer to drive them or babysit their kids.
8. Not everyone in your address book is registered. Reach out to your Christmas card list via e-mail. And don't forget about clubs, meetings, sporting events or anywhere you can meet and talk to people. Visit assisted living facilities. Stay away from funerals, but most other events are fair game. Finding new voters at random public events not as good a method but you can make it work. Think about a field trip to a nearby swing state.
9. Put a postage stamp on the voter registration forms and mail them in one at a time, or drop them off in small numbers at the Board of Elections. Do not proudly appear with 50+ completed registration forms or a MAGA Republican Election Commissioner will accuse you of « vote harvesting » or whatever pejorative they use to try and stop Democratic voter registration efforts.