

# Electoral Activism in Schools of Social Work: The Role of Deans and Directors

## 2024 is here and the Stakes Could Not Be Higher!

**Voting rights**, which underwrite all our other rights, are under attack. Voter suppression, election interference, election deniers, and voter disengagement are on the rise. **US Democracy is at risk.**

**Voting is Social Work (VISW)**, a national non-partisan voter mobilization campaign, works with social work schools and human service agencies to energize civic engagement, voter registration, and Get Out the Vote. Located between the individual and society, **social workers are well-positioned to embolden others to use their voice and vote** to promote the well-being of individuals, communities, and the wider public.

As leaders in social work education, deans and directors are ideally placed to support the VISW Power of 3 Campaign on their campuses. **Imagine if all 700,000 social workers in the US registered and engaged three voters...and then they registered three more voters...and so on.**

## Come meet VISW leaders to hear and discuss:

- A brief history of voting rights and voter suppression
- The benefits voting brings to individuals, communities, and the profession
- The information you need to debunk the myth that voting "does not matter"
- The skills and resources you need to proactively engage faculty and students in voter mobilization in the classroom, practical settings, and community
- Information about the VISW Power of 3 Campaign

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**VOTING is**  
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**Thursday, February 15, 2024  
From 4:30 to 6PM ET**

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