# Electoral Activism in Schools of Social Work:

The Role of Deans and Directors



**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

This program is approved for 1.5 Continuing Education Credits (CECs) by the UConn School of Social Work.







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