

# 2018-19 Global GOT VOTE

Mobilizing the **VOTE for Democrats**  
in Federal, State and Local Elections

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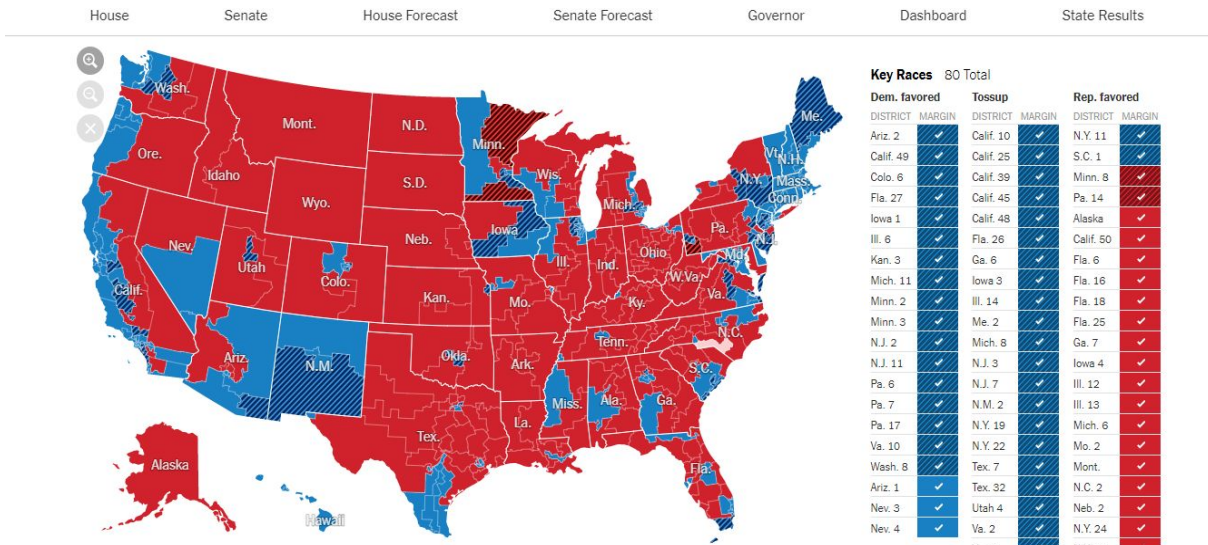
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# 2018: Year in Brief

## Winning the Midterm Congressional Elections!!

- Flipped 41 Congressional seats
- 800% increase in DA member voting over 2014
- 1 in 25 races were decided by 1% or smaller margin
- We were the winning margin in races in Utah, New Jersey and California and the Democrat's only state-wide win in Florida



From New York Times

# GOTV DIRECT OUTREACH

## Phonebanking Campaigns:

- Over **154,000** calls made
- Average of almost **2,100** calls per day in October and November
- Peak calling day (October 3) over **3,100** calls made
- Number of Phonebanking volunteers: 1, 124 from 57 different countries
- Top 14 phonebankers made over 1,000 calls each

## SMS Texting Campaigns

- Over 42,700 messages sent
- Used 35 different Country Committee phone numbers

# Revamped www.VoteFromAbroad.org

- Shorter and much easier to use
- Step-by-step instructions
- Able to submit form directly from website without printing first
- Spanish language version  
[www.votefromabroad.org/es](http://www.votefromabroad.org/es)
- Study Abroad version  
[students.votefromabroad.org](http://students.votefromabroad.org)

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Absentee Ballots for US Citizens

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## Step 1 of 5 Your Information

First Name  Required

Middle Name(s)  Optional

Last Name  Required

Suffix  Optional

Have you previously registered to vote under a different name? [?](#)



# 2018 Voting Problems

- Properly mailed ballots returned as “undeliverable”
- Voters found out too late that they weren’t registered or had been purged from voter rolls
- Voters missed deadlines to request their ballots
- State voter websites not accessible from outside the US
- Ballots returned to US but not acknowledged or counted

Anyone contact you with voting challenges in 2018?

Email us at [gotv@democratsabroad.org](mailto:gotv@democratsabroad.org) or the **Voter Protection Team**

# 2019: GOTV OUTREACH

## Current Phonebanking:

- PA-12 Special Federal
- VA State Primary

## Upcoming Phonebanking - August and September 2019:

- NC-03 Special Federal
- NC-09 Special Federal
- State General Elections in KY, LA, MS, NJ and VA

## Primary Elections and Other Special Elections:

- Emails
- Social media

# Vote in 2019 *and* Prepare for 2020

1. Encourage anyone who votes in a state with an election in 2019 to request their ballot
2. Encourage all other voters to reach to their friends who vote in states with elections to encourage them to vote
3. Encourage anyone who is not yet registered to do so now
4. Encourage anyone who had trouble voting last year to work with us and their local election officials to fix those issues now

# STAY CURRENT

- GOTV Mobilize Channel  
Get updates, ask questions and share ideas  
To be added, email us at: [gotv@democratsabroad.org](mailto:gotv@democratsabroad.org)
- DA Website [www.democratsabroad.org/voting](http://www.democratsabroad.org/voting)

Voting Blog

Current Election Information

Phonebanking



The screenshot shows the Democrats Abroad website with a blue header. The navigation bar includes links for NEWS, OUR PARTY, COUNTRIES, TAKE ACTION, DONATE, and VOTE. Below the navigation bar, there are buttons for HOME, GOTV AND VOTING RIGHTS BLOG, PHONEBANKING, 2019 ELECTIONS CALENDAR, and 2019 SPECIAL ELECTIONS. The main content area features a section titled "2019 Special Elections for Vacancies in the U.S. House" with links to "North Carolina's 3rd", "North Carolina's 9th", and "Pennsylvania's 12th", and a link to "see Ballotpedia for State Legislative Special Elections". Below this, there is a call to action: "Make a new ballot request for 2019 – send the form right away!" followed by a numbered list of instructions: 1. Go to [www.votefromabroad.org](http://www.votefromabroad.org) to complete the "Ballot Request form (FPCA)". 2. Follow the Instructions to attach your signature online—or—print out and sign the completed form. 3. Send the signed FPCA to your election official. You may EMAIL, FAX or MAIL your FPCA to your Local Election Official. At the bottom, it states: "We recommend that you request to receive your ballot by email/online or fax, for the fastest delivery. You can expect to receive your ballot 45 days". A red envelope icon is visible in the bottom right corner.



# Voting Information on VoteFromAbroad

## State Voting Guide

- Delivery methods to register to vote, to request a ballot and to return a voted ballot
- Upcoming elections and deadlines
- Election Office contact information

## Upcoming Elections

## Voter Help Desk / FAQ



# VOTER HELPDESK



**Vote from Abroad.org**  
Non-Partisan Voter Help Desk

We can provide more detailed responses to voting questions

“Online chat desk”—available on every screen of  
[www.VoteFromAbroad.org](http://www.VoteFromAbroad.org) and [www.DemocratsAbroad.org](http://www.DemocratsAbroad.org)

Email DA: [gotv@democratsabroad.org](mailto:gotv@democratsabroad.org)

or VFA (non-partisan): [help@votefromabroad.org](mailto:help@votefromabroad.org)

# Use the GOTV Wiki Page

DA Wiki: 2019 GOTV Voter Turn-out Resources

[wiki.democratsabroad.org/display/gotv2019](https://wiki.democratsabroad.org/display/gotv2019)

- 2019 Voting Calendars and State Rules
- Voter Registration Table and Training Materials
- Emails to Voters
- Social Media Posts
- Phonebanking Resources



# Develop a 2020 GOTV Strategy for your CC

- Recruit and train volunteers for Phonebanking ([democratsabroad.org/phonebanking](https://democratsabroad.org/phonebanking))
- Recruit and train volunteers for Voter Registration events (Wiki)
- Send out GOTV emails and post GOTV messages on social media
- Develop outreach to non-DA members
- Be aware of the Timeline--and hit the ground running in 2020!  
*The 1st Presidential Primary is February 3, the GPP is March 3-10 and many states will be much earlier than in past years*

**THANK YOU!**

**NOW LET'S GET OUT THE VOTE!**