

# Time to Vote!

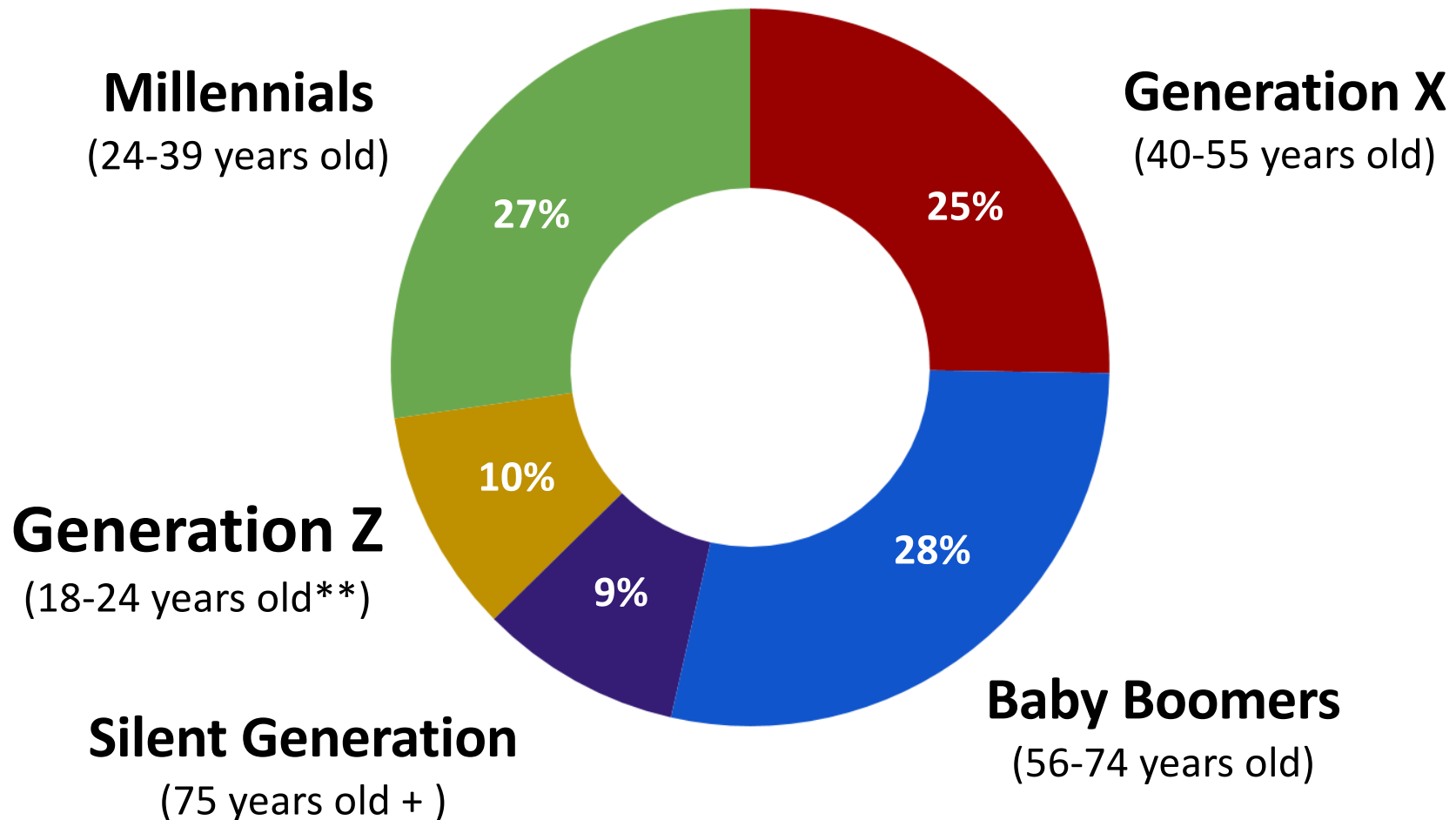
## Virtual Youth Voter Registration Presentation

# Goals

- Learn how voting affects the issues you care about
- Find out how to register to vote online
- Identify the things you need to be prepared to cast your ballot



# Projected Percentage of Voting Population by Generation in 2020\*



*\*Source: Pew Research Center projections of the 2020 electorate based on U.S. Census Bureau 2017 population projections*

*\*\*Age ranges represent generation age range in 2020*

Young people  
care about  
the future of  
democracy









### Percentage of Youth, Ages 18-24, Who Have Participated in Various forms of Political Engagement

Political Actions	2016	2018
Signing a petition	34%	48%
Following a candidate or campaign on social media	16%	23%
Displaying a sticker or a sign supporting a candidate	12%	14%
Attending a demonstration or a march	5%	15%

Source: Tisch College's CIRCLE 2018 Pre-Election Poll

# What do you care about?

National	State	Local
 College Debt	 Roads	 Traffic
 Environment	 Minimum Wage	 Immigration

# Three Steps to Making your Voice Heard!



REGISTER

COMMIT

VOTE

# Can I Register to Vote?



**You can register to vote today if you are...**

- ☐ A U.S. citizen
- ☐ 18 years old on or before Election Day
- ☐ A Michigan resident (at the time you register)
- ☐ A resident of your city or township for at least 30 days  
(when you vote)

# Acceptable Forms of ID

- Michigan driver's license or state ID
- Current utility bill
- Bank statement
- Paycheck
- Government check
- Another government document (i.e. passport, etc.)





# Four Ways to Register to Vote

- Online  
<https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/registervoter>
- By mail
- In person at your city clerk's office
- In person on Election Day at city clerk's office



# GO TO VOTE411

- Coronavirus-related changes to election dates and processes at [VOTE411.org/coronavirus](https://vote411.org/coronavirus)
- Check your registration status, get an absentee ballot & more
- First-time voter checklist
- Detailed candidate information at all levels



# Use VOTE411 to Make a Plan!

- When is the next election?
- What am I voting on?
- Where can I vote?
- What do I do if I am going off to college or I am not in town on Election Day?



# What am I voting on?

Find out what's on your ballot at [VOTE411.org](https://VOTE411.org)



**PERSONALIZED VOTING INFORMATION**

- ✓ See What's On Your Ballot
- ✓ Check Your Voter Registration
- ✓ Find Your Polling Place
- ✓ Discover Upcoming Debates In Your Area
- ✓ And Much More!

Enter Your Address to Get Started:

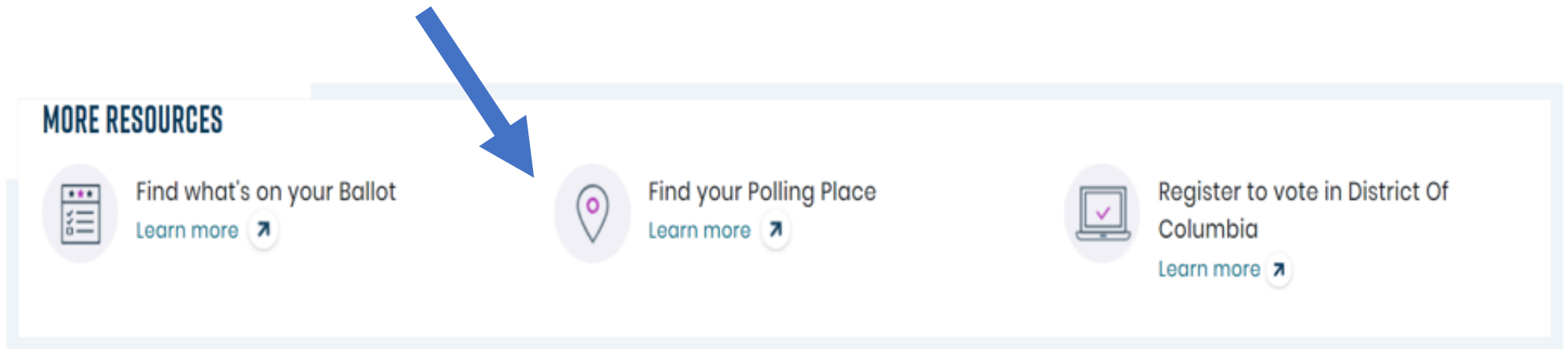
Street address

City  Select a state

Zip code

# Where can I vote?

Once you have entered your address, you can find out where your polling place is located by clicking “Find your Polling Place” under “More Resources”.



# Absentee Voting



- Any Michigan Registered Voter can request an Absentee Ballot sent to them whether they are home, at college or to another address.
- Michigan's constitution guarantees the right to absentee voting for ANY reason. This means you can:
  - Receive your ballot in the mail
  - Vote early
  - Vote from the comfort of your home or dorm
  - Take your time to fill out the ballot without feeling rushed
  - Mail it back
  - Deliver it to the clerk's office or drop off box

# How Do I Get an Absentee Ballot?

- Complete an Absentee Ballot Application
  - You can download it from [MI.gov/vote](http://MI.gov/vote) **or**
  - You can contact your local clerk
- You must return the application for an absentee ballot to your local clerk by mail or in person.



# You Have the Right To:

## **VOTE**

- ✓ If you are in line when the polls close
- ✓ By secret ballot
- ✓ By absentee ballot, early or by mail, no reason necessary
- ✓ With poll worker help to cast your ballot
- ✓ A new ballot at the polls and get help if you make a mistake before your vote is cast
- ✓ Even if you forgot your ID,

## **OBSERVE**

- by signing an affidavit and getting a regular ballot
- ✓ The election process
- ✓ Question the election procedures
- ✓ Report any problems you see to the Election Protection Hotline at 866-OUR-VOTE





# Upcoming Election

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**November 3, 2020**





Thank you!

