

# Letters: Voting rights & voter ID

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I would like for someone to explain why [having to show some form of ID](#) in order to vote keeps one from voting. We have to show ID for almost every other process that keeps people from falsely participating.

Discrimination is a terrible attitude and should not be tolerated, but showing ID does not equal discrimination in my view.

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## **How does voting ID exclude?**

Regarding the subjective article about Progressive Baptists calling for a [restoration of voting rights](#), can you please tell me how requiring an ID of some sort demeans, assaults and excludes the poor?

Don't all adults have to have some form of state-issued ID? They are \$16, I believe, and a reasonable requirement for a citizen of the United States is to have identification proving it.

This is right up there with the essentials of life, and surely a relative, friend or nearby church could and would help with that cost. Anyone who doesn't have any form of ID shouldn't be driving, can't do business very easily, etc.

I didn't see the answer to these questions in the article, and I believe the law was put in place to keep illegal residents from voting.

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