

# FORMS OF POLITICAL PARTICIPATION IN U.S.A.

## "CONVENTIONAL" FORMS

- developing one's awareness of politics and the political system - *newspaper, media, own web cam*
- increasing one's self-education of politics and the political system - *you have some time to do this (continued 12/10)*
- responding to political public opinion polls
- registering to vote and voting in elections (primary elections and/or general elections)
- advocating other-voter registration (friends, family, neighbors, classmates, fellow workers, others)
- advocating other-voter motivation (friends, family, neighbors, classmates, fellow workers, others)
- wearing a campaign or political button - *nothing is going on here, wearing a button*
- posting a campaign or political lawn sign
- displaying a campaign or political bumper sticker on one's vehicle
- becoming an unpaid campaign volunteer
- becoming a paid campaign worker or a paid political consultant
- becoming a poll worker or an election judge
- making a financial campaign or political contribution *but a couple by \$10*
- listening to, watching, or attending a political debate
- writing a letter or sending an email to a local newspaper's op/ed page
- contacting a politician or official of one's constituency (via letter, email, phone) *just email to state rep or*
- contacting a politician or official not of one's constituency (via letter, email, phone) *just by sending a complaint*
- starting and/or writing a political blog or a political website
- starting and/or contributing to a political social media account (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)
- attending or sponsoring a local church group organization
- attending or sponsoring a local community or a town hall meeting
- attending or sponsoring a political rally
- establishing a political cause or forming a political action committee (PAC)
- joining or forming an interest group
- joining or forming a political public relations organization
- becoming a professional lobbyist
- being appointed to or elected to public office (at the local, state, or federal level)

## "UNCONVENTIONAL" FORMS

- sponsoring or participating in "citizen suit" litigation
- sponsoring or participating in a political boycott
- sponsoring or participating in a peaceful political protest, march, or sit-in (or non-peaceful political actions \*)
- sponsoring or participating in civil disobedience \*
- sponsoring or participating in a political riot \*
- sponsoring or participating in an act of sedition, terrorism, and/or treason \*

\* ILLEGAL - DO NOT ATTEMPT!

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