

HISTORY OF VOTING IN AMERICA

THE SYSTEM'S ALWAYS BEEN EXCLUSIVE AND UNJUST

up until 1870,

only white males who
owned land could vote



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1870

through the passage of the 15th amendment,
the right to vote was granted to Black men but
would be stifled again during the era of
reconstruction



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1877-1965

Jim Crow Era - literacy tests, poll taxes, intimidation and other restrictive measures were enacted to keep Black voters from exercising their right - these measures were not removed or barred until 1965



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1920

women were not allowed to
vote until the ratification of
the 19th amendment in 1920



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1924

congress enacted the Indian Citizenship Act which granted citizenship to Native Americans...their right to vote was still not guaranteed though, as some states barred Native Americans from voting until 1957



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1882-1943

Chinese immigrants were granted citizenship after the Chinese Exclusion Act was repealed in 1943...only then were they allowed to exercise their right to vote



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1965

Voting Rights Act was passed
which suspended literacy
tests...they were not completely
banned until 1975

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1984

polling places were required to
become more accessible to
older adults and people with
disabilities



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today,

long lines at polling places, voter ID laws, gerrymandering, voter roll purges, closed polling places, misinformation, and other voter suppression tactics continue to plague the American voting system, keeping countless Americans from voting each election

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