

# Your Vote

## Presidential Election Voting App

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*Online voting app for presidential elections that allows you to vote right from your phone, from just about anywhere in the United States. This app would have changed the game for the 2020 presidential election because of all the in person restrictions related to the Coronavirus Pandemic.*

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### I. INTRODUCTION

The Online Voting app is a new way for citizens to vote. With the Covid-19 pandemic cases still rising and social distancing still being enforced, this new app will allow its user to securely vote in major elections with a few clicks on their phone from the comfort of their own homes away from any danger or even anywhere in the United States.

### II. IS THIS APP SECURE?

The app will be completely secure, and more safe than mailing in your vote because with this app you actually know your app is being counted, with main in votes you never know if your vote even arrived on time or if it was tampered with. The app will also automatically record your screen while you are using the app and be stored away for security purposes.

### III. PAGE STYLE

The first thing you will need to do is create an account, after that is done you will then need to verify your identity by following a few steps. The steps include uploading two pictures of original identification documents. Uploading a picture of your social security card or the equivalent. Connecting your phone number to the app, and lastly using the face id and fingerprint features as you normally would to unlock your phone, to validate your identity.

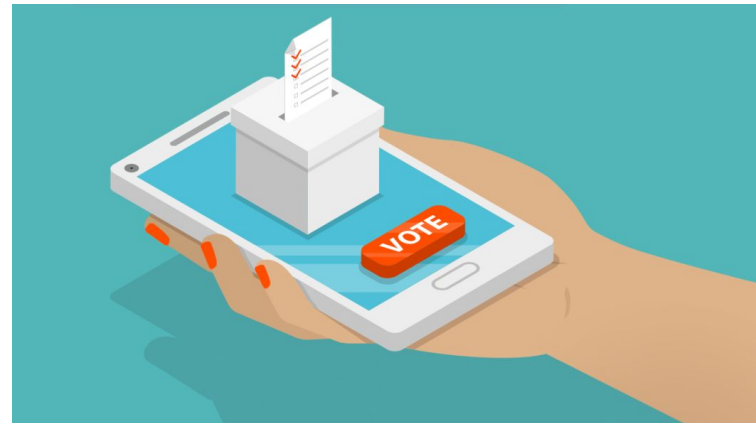


Fig. 1 DIGITAL IMAGE OF VIRTUAL VOTING

#### A. What will it include?

The app will not only allow users to simply vote for a candidate but it will also provide information on all candidates including but not limited to their beliefs, their what laws they support and are against. You will also be able to log into the app before election night and watch live presidential debates. There will also be an option to subscribe to newsletters and get updates and alerts everytime one of the candidates talks about a topic you are personally interested in.

#### B. What are the benefits of this app?

We recently saw a major increase in the amount of young voters in the country. There have been many conflicting incidents that have caused this country to be more divided than ever, and young people actually went out and voted. But what happens when these social issues die down a bit, or they are not trending anymore? Younger generations will most likely go back to not voting. The reason younger

generations don't vote is simple, because we're lazy. The thought of walking to my poll site, and waiting on line and going through the whole process seems annoying to me, even though I always vote. But it's not like that for many people my age, not only does it seem like a lot of work but a lot of us work or are in school and simply don't find the time to go.

This app is perfect for this generation, we're already so technological dependent and even though some might say we are too dependent on it, I think if there's a reason to use technology it's definitely to vote for the future of the country.

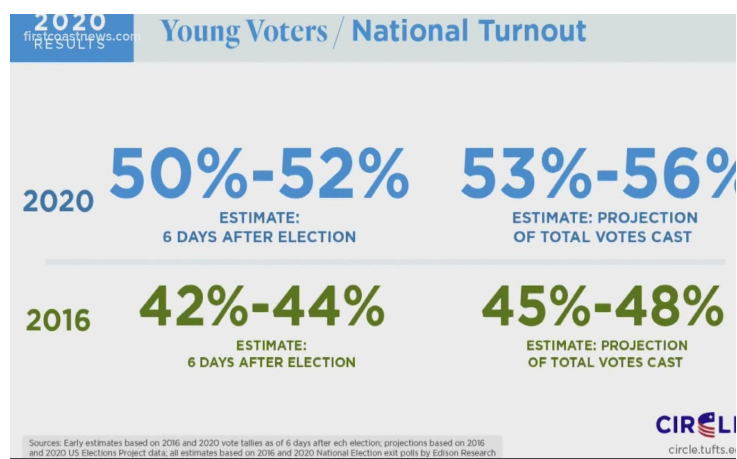


Fig. 2 2020 YOUNG VOTERS TURNOUT

This year many people were sick at home, quarenting, or just older and being cautious, some people didn't plan to mail in the votes because they didn't plan on getting sick, and not being able to vote. Hundreds of people probably lost the opportunity to vote because they didn't imagine the unforeseeable future. The app could have been their back up option.

#### IV. CONCLUSIONS

The app will be beneficial to all, citizens who do not want to use it can still opt to vote regularly or by mail, and use the app as a last minute or backup, younger generations will have the convenience that we so much desire, it would help stop the spread of Covid-19 because it allows for people to social distance and vote from the comfort of their homes, and most importantly it will be secure and safe.

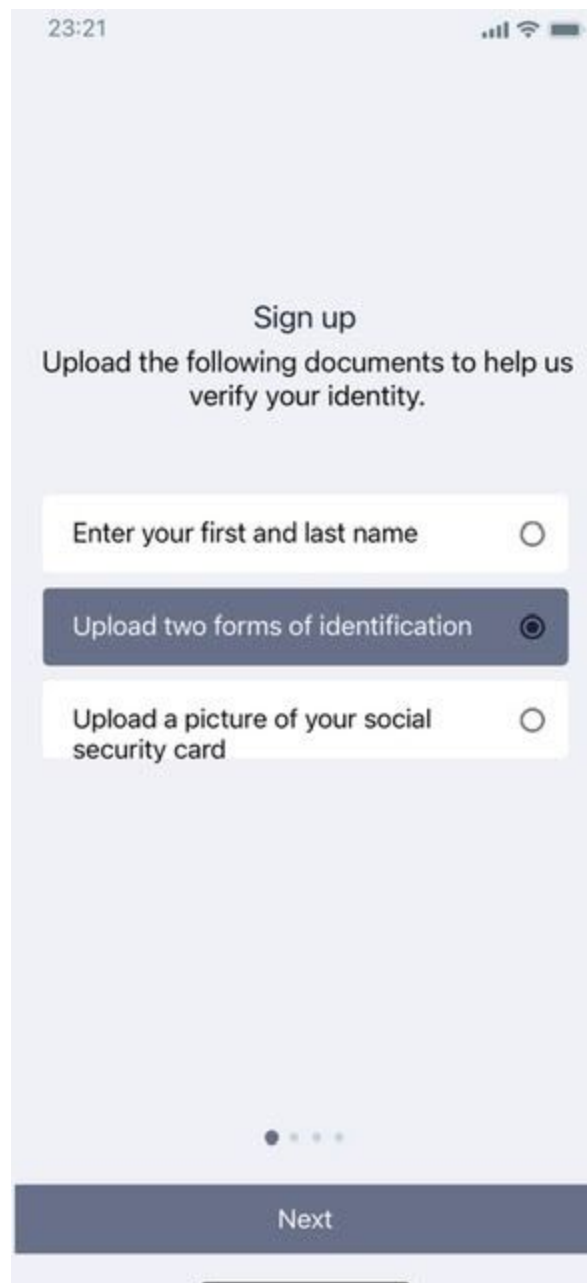


Fig. 3 VERIFICATION STEPS

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This semester, let alone this entire year has been one for the books. A pandemic is something I never thought about having to experience, with so much technology and medical advancements we were so used to our regular everyday lives. But everything changed, our reality is now virtual, and social distancing. Many of us, myself included have experienced loss of a loved one and or friends, we've lost our jobs, and we've been keeping to ourselves for about nine months now, its been incredibly difficult both mentally and financially but this has truly been a learning experience. I am thankful to have made it this far, knowing how many people have died, and thankful to finally be graduating and starting a new chapter. Thank you professor Brucker-Cohen for your understanding and patience during this semester and for teaching us many skills like coding and creating prototypes you went out of your way to teach us to help us have a further and deeper understanding in the media field.

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