

Report the vote 5 elections overview

Thanks for being here, I'm Lisa Loving and this is Report the Vote, workshop #5 Elections Overview. Brought to you by the Pacifica Affiliate Network and WNUC LPFM in Detroit – and Pacifica.

I also want to say I have a case of my journalism books and if you send me an email I'll mail one to you for free. My email is lisaloving33@gmail.com. I'll drop it in the chat. Find this series online at pacificafoundation.org.

SPECIAL NOTE #: If you are working on elections coverage, I am heading up a new twice-monthly national radio show designed to carry your reporting. Would you like your work to reach a national audience? Email me! I am at lisaloving33@gmail.com. We're starting at the end of this month and running this show through the first week of January! Please and please again, I need your submissions to make this real. How can I work with you?

SPECIAL NOTE #2: Check out this (truly not boring) panel discussion focusing on the 2024 elections: The Knight Center on [Putting the Public First in Political Coverage](#) featuring my old colleague Jay Rosen. This is the nuts and bolts of how you decide what is a story during the election season. SO GOOD!

What is the substance of election reporting? Look for:

- > contact info + access points for candidates and public figures
- > voter turnout + registration statistics
- > campaign contributions
- > past campaigns—issues, candidates, money, voter turnout
- > related races & campaigns
- > Campaign tactics

– How does the electoral process work? —> peaceful transfer of power used to be part of that process and now it's not (the system is changing right before our eyes) [Many O.C. residents deny Trump election results, potentially swaying key races, poll finds](#)

Here is a fantastic overview of elections in general that can help you understand the scope of this type of reporting, ie what are the [International Center for Journalists overview guide —>](#)

—> Who regulates elections bureaus?

[5 things to know about election administration funding: A research-based tip sheet](#)

-----> Following the Money <https://accuracy.org/>

[OpenSecrets.org](https://www.opensecrets.org)

<https://www.opensecrets.org/research-tools>

EXERCISE

Take the time to locate and list all the government bureaus that handle elections in your region: city, county, state and feds. Next, find the place where these agencies post election returns. Next, do an online search on the voter registration rates in your legion, and keep your eye on the voter turnout.

MORE LINKS

[Data mining](#)

Digital Tools on Factchecking [Webinar](#)

[How Do Political Polls Work?](#)

[IFJ Tips for Media on Elections Reporting](#)

[PBS Standards](#)

That's it for our workshop. Friends, listen to me for a minute: Whatever we have 5 years from now is gonna be something you made. So thanks for being with us and hope to see you next time. I'm Lisa Loving and this is Report the Vote. Brought to you by Pacifica Network Association of Affiliates and WNUC Low Power FM in Detroit.