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# #ELECTIONCOUNTDOWN

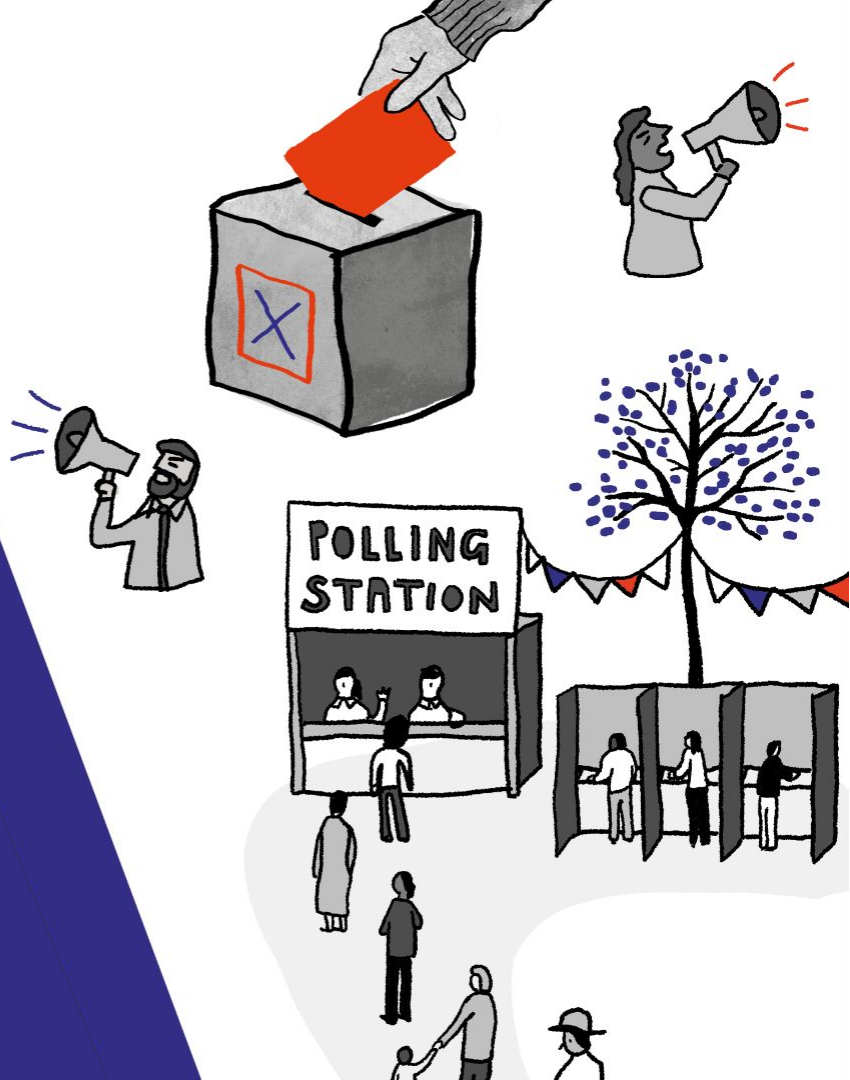
A Democracy Classroom Collaboration

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# ABOUT THESE RESOURCES

The #ElectionCountdown resources are designed to enable schools, colleges and youth groups to support young people to engage with and vote in elections.

These resources will be updated as we get closer to the General Election to include key dates and up to date materials, such as manifestos and candidate information.

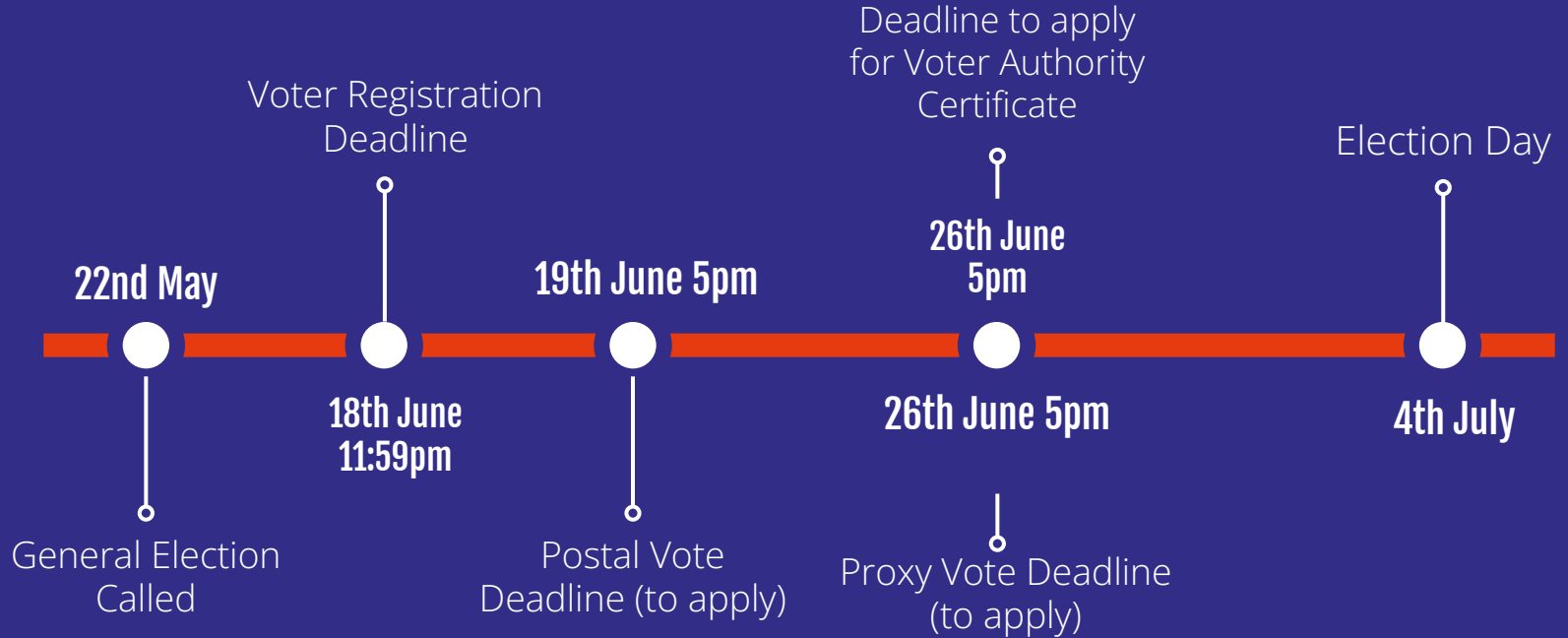
If you want to receive new versions of the resources and supporting materials as the election progresses then please [sign up here](#) for updates.

They are designed as a series of short sessions that can be delivered flexibly, see the next couple of slides for delivery ideas.

To access the full delivery guidance please [click here](#).



# KEY DATES FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION



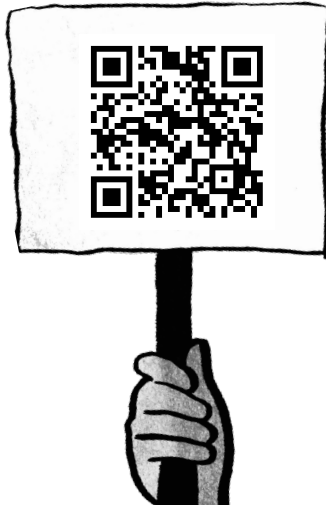
# EVALUATION

Please help us out by completing this quick form before you start using the resources.

 [Access the form here](#)



It just takes **2 minutes** (it is 10 quick questions) and it would really help us out!

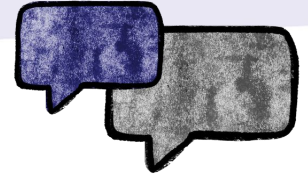


# VOTER REGISTRATION

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How do you register to vote?

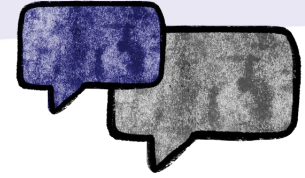


## DISCUSSION

Why do you have to register to vote?

Do you think it should be compulsory to register to vote?

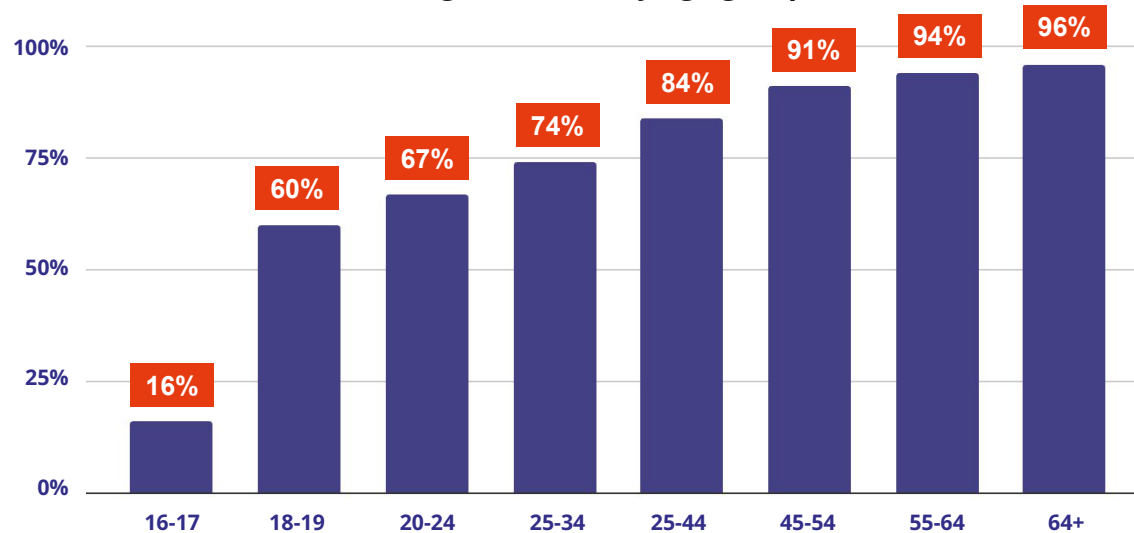




## DISCUSSION

Young people are much less likely to be registered to vote than older people - why do you think this is?

Percentage of voters by age group





# POSSIBLE REASONS WHY YOUNG PEOPLE DON'T REGISTER TO VOTE



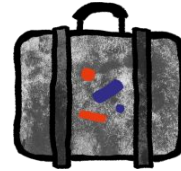
Young people are more likely to be **private renters** and move more frequently, whereas older people tend to own their own home.



Young people are **not interested** in politics and don't think it will change anything.



Older generations are more likely to think they have a **duty to vote** rather than a choice, because of the way that they were brought up.



Young adults **move house more frequently** (for example for university or for jobs) so might forget to re-register when they move.

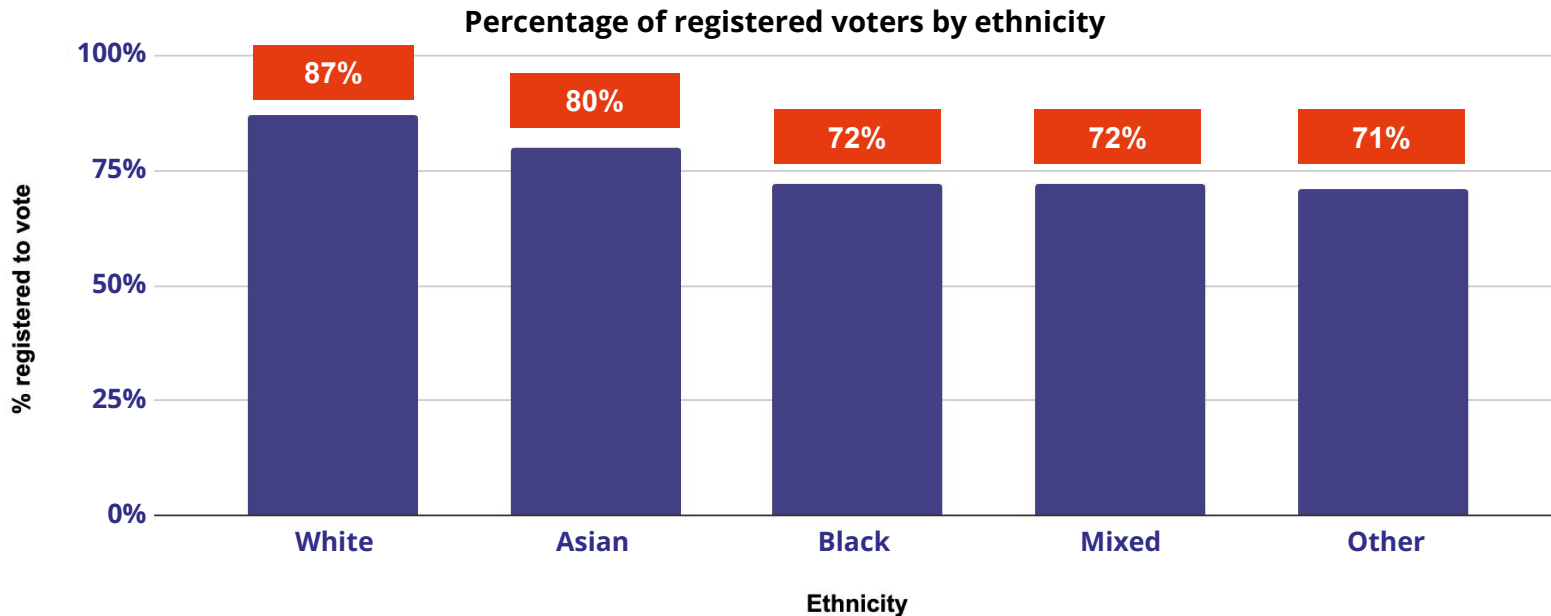


The older you get, the **more awareness** you have as to why politics matters so you are more likely to take interest in the decisions.





# WHY ARE PEOPLE OF COLOUR LESS LIKELY TO REGISTER TO VOTE?





# WHY MIGHT THIS BE?

Some possible reasons include:

- Some people may be **first generation immigrants** who do not meet the eligibility criteria to vote yet.
- Some people may be on **low incomes and/or living in rented housing**. Renters and those on a low income are both groups that are less likely to be registered to vote.

- Some people may speak **English as a second language** and experience challenges understanding the voter registration process or following politics more broadly.



## DISCUSSION

Think about some of the reasons why young people may not register to vote.

What might encourage someone to change their mind and choose to register to vote?





# OTHER BENEFITS OF REGISTERING TO VOTE

When you register to vote you join the **ELECTORAL REGISTER**. This also gives you some other advantages:



**Registering to vote improves your credit score** - this can make it easier to get a loan, mortgage or mobile phone contract.



**Once you are 18 you can take part in jury duty** - people are only invited to be part of a jury if they are registered to vote.



**It means you have more of a say** - by registering, your needs are more likely to be considered and more resources may go to your area.



# HOW DO I REGISTER TO VOTE?

To vote, you need to check your eligibility and register

 <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>

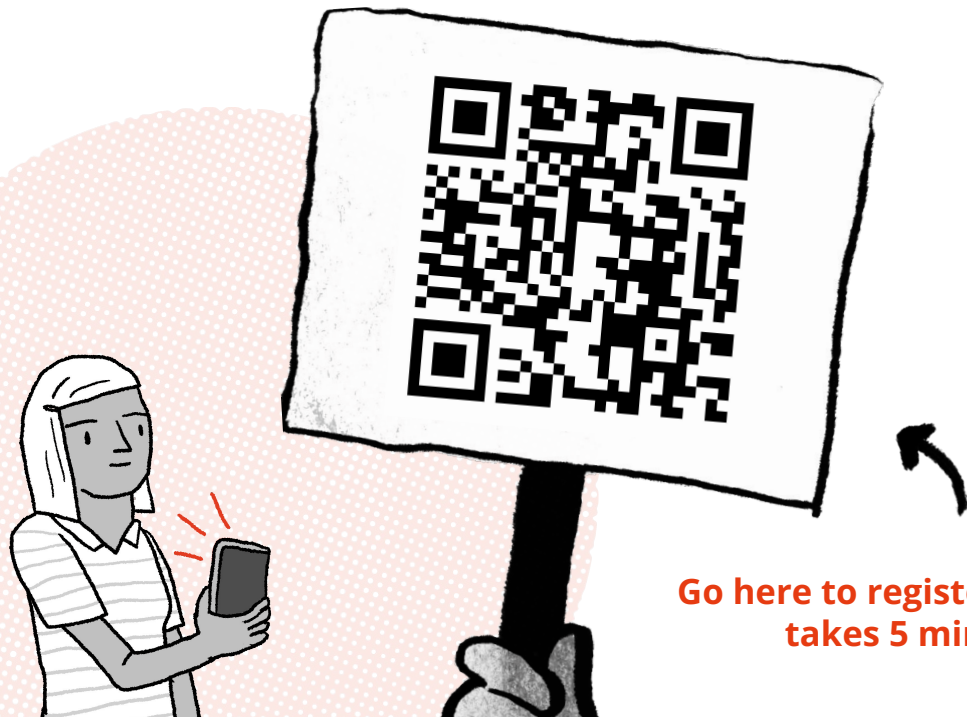
**It only takes 5 minutes** - you just need to fill in where you live, your date of birth, name, nationality and National Insurance number

**Where do I find my National Insurance number?** This should have been posted or emailed to you once you turned 16. If you have a job, it will be on your payslip. If you don't have it don't worry, you can register without it!

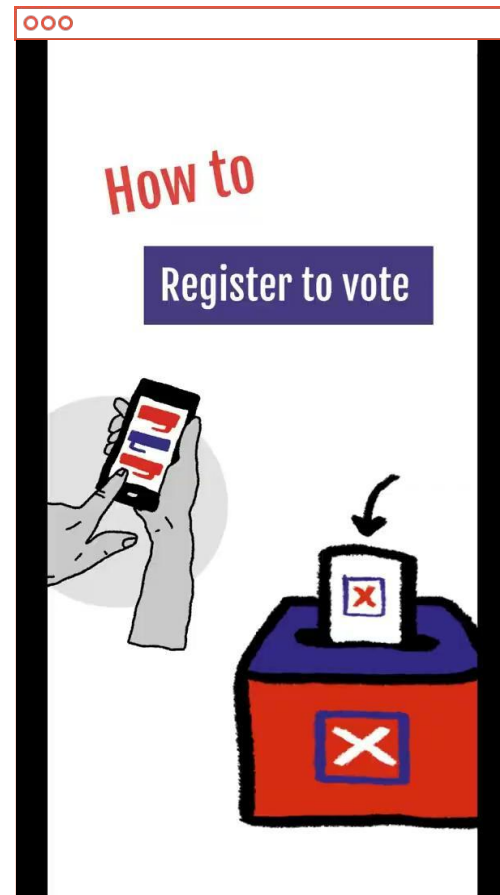


**Go here to  
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# CALL TO ACTION: REGISTER TO VOTE NOW!



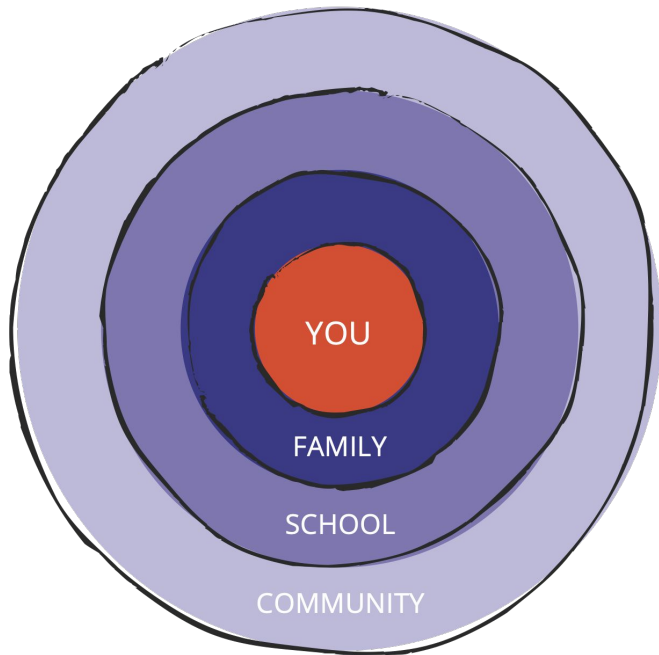
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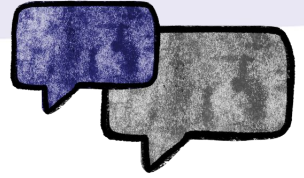


# WHO ELSE CAN YOU TELL ABOUT REGISTERING TO VOTE?

Think of **five people** that you can remind to register to vote and then discuss your choices as a class.



# EXTENSION



Below are some of the groups that are less likely to be registered to vote:

- Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic groups
- European nationals
- Renters (people that don't own their own homes)



**Why do you think these groups might be less likely to be registered to vote?**

Try to think of at least one reason for each group.

## DISCUSSION

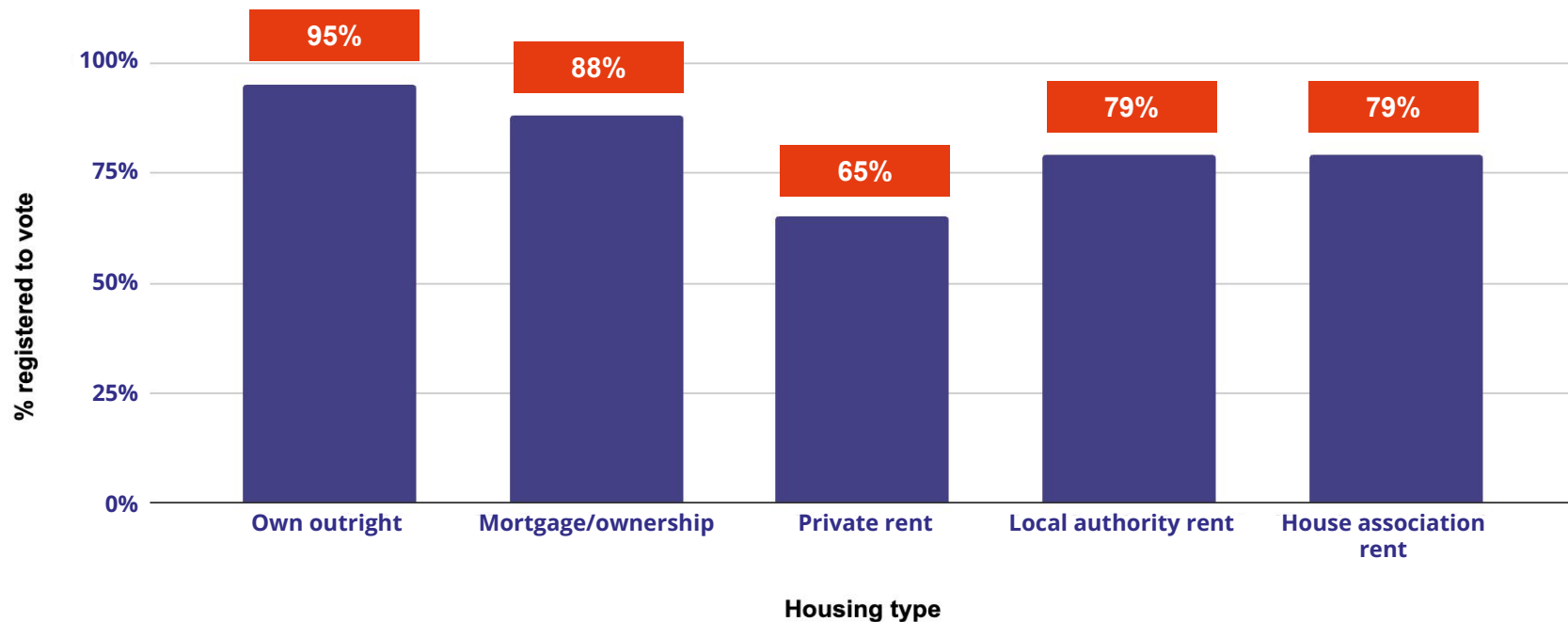
Why is it important that all groups register and actively participate in elections?





# EXTENSION: WHY DO YOU THINK RENTERS ARE LESS LIKELY TO REGISTER?

Percentage of registered voters by housing type





# WHY MIGHT THIS BE?

Some possible reasons include:

- Homeless people or people **without a fixed address** can register to vote, but in practice **it's quite difficult**. Finding somewhere that will allow you to claim that it's a 'place of temporary residence' (which is needed for registering) can be a challenge. They also might not be aware that they can register without a fixed address.
- Renters are more likely to be **young and on a low income**. Young people and those on a low income are both groups that are less likely to be registered to vote.
- Renters are likely to **move around more**, so might not re-register to vote at their new address.
- Homeowners are more likely to be **settled in their community long-term** and be motivated to have a say on how it's run.

