ACTIVITY: Demographics and Political Power

TASK:
In your groups,

1. Review the facts on the next few pages.

2. List the questions you have.

3. Select one fact that you think will be the most useful to share with others to highlight the importance of voting in this year’s election.

4. Identify someone to record the group’s answers and report back to the entire group the fact the group chose and why.

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FACT #1: DEMOGRAPHICS OF US POPULATION AND US ELECTED OFFICIALS

US CENSUS

- White Men: 30%
- White Women: 31%
- Men of Color: 19%
- Women of Color: 20%

US ELECTED OFFICIALS

- White Men: 62%
- White Women: 27%
- Men of Color: 7%
- Women of Color: 4%

Source: Reflective Democracy Campaign Report: The Electability Myth June 2019

FACT #2: DEMOGRAPHICS OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND NEW YORK STATE POPULATION

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FACT #3
Research by the Reflective Democracy Project found that when they’re on the ballot, women and men of color win elections at the same rates at white men.

2018: Who Ran, Who Won?

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FACT #4

2017 - 2019: Women Increase Representation in State Legislatures from Coast to Coast

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