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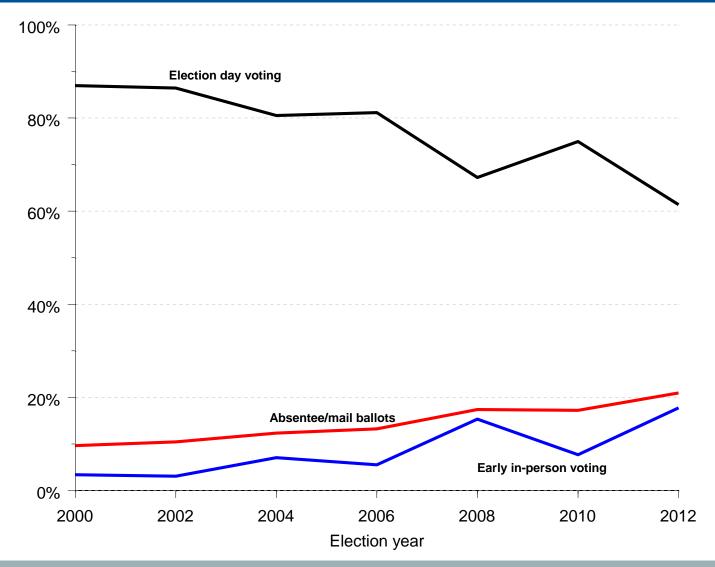
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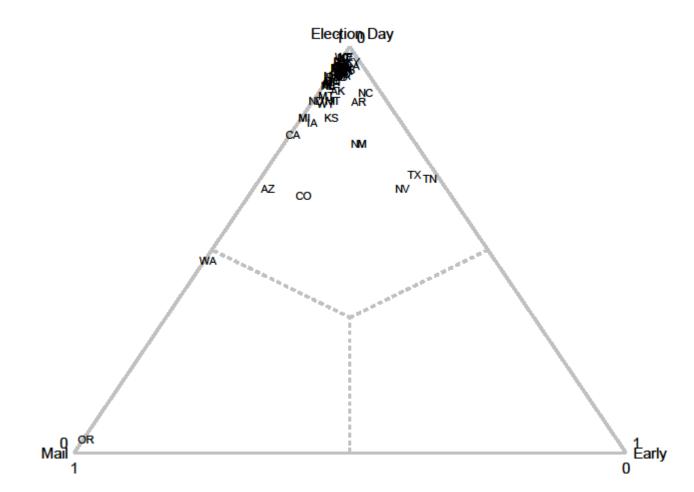




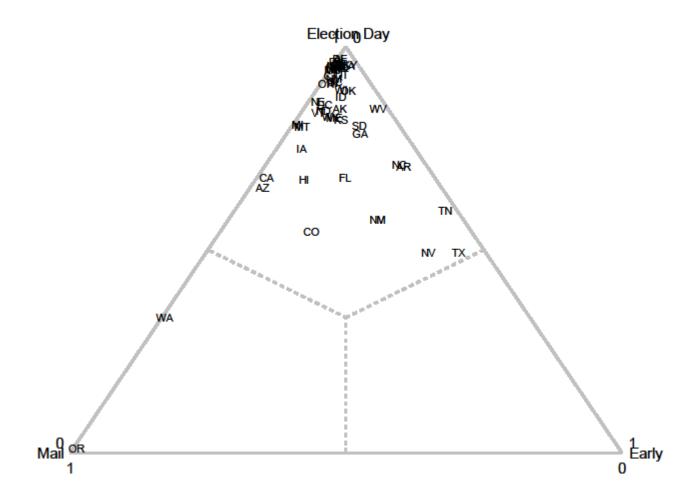
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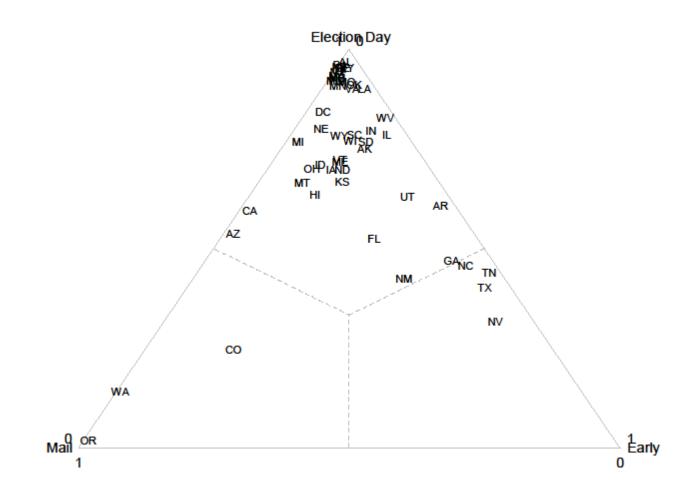




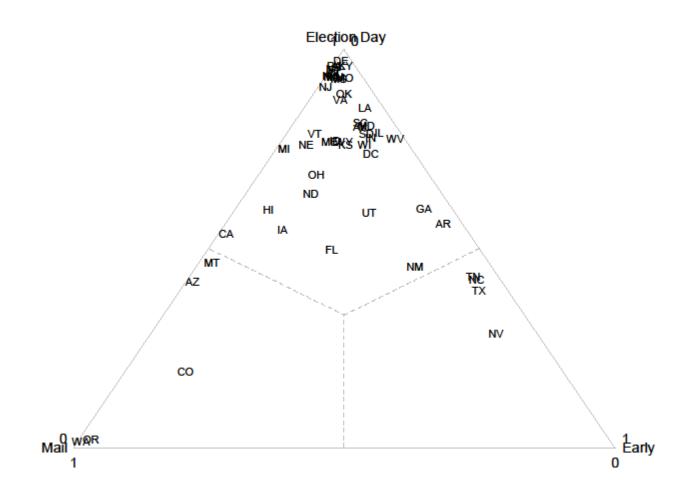














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### The Voting Information Project: Election Day 2012





Vote! It's Election Day. Find your voting location and hours



## **Mobile Polling Place Locater**

#### In 2012, 85% of American adults own a cell phone...

#### **Cell Phone Activities**

The % of cell phone owners who use their cell phone to ...

	82	Take a picture
C	80	Send or receive text messages
	56	Access the internet
	50	Send or receive email
	44	Record Video*
	43	Download Apps*
	31	Look for health or medical information online
	29	Check bank account balance or do any online banking

Source: Pew Research Center's Internet & American Life Project, Summer Tracking Survey, August 7-September 6, 2012. N=2,581 cell phone owning adults ages 18 and older. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish and on landline and cell phones (1,206 cell calls were completed). Margin of error is +/- 2.2 percentage points.

\* Video and Apps data from Pew Internet's Spring Tracking Survey, March 15-April 3, 2012. N= 1,954 cell phone owning adults 18 and older. Margin of error is +/- 2.6 percentage points.



## **Mobile Polling Place Locater**





# **Upgrading our Voter Registration System**

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### **The Problem with Registration**





Inaccurate voter registration records:

# 24 million

• Votes lost in 2012 due to registration problems:

# **1.2 million**



### **The Problem with Registration**



or **nearly 1 in 4** eligible citizens are not registered to vote.

That's more than **24%** of the eligible population.



The future of voter registration:

- Shift registration activity **online**, instead of paper
- Automate the "motor voter" registration process
- Better **data sharing** between the states

## **Upgrading Voter Registration: Online Voter Registration**



- More accurate
  - Voters directly input their information
- Costs less
  - 3¢ per registration, compared to 83¢ per paper form
- Voters prefer it
  - 4 out of 5 registrations in states with online registration conducted electronically
- 13 states offer online registration in 2012, compared to only 2 states in 2008

## **Upgrading Voter Registration: Automating "Motor Voter"**



- States do a poor job of offering voter registration at motor vehicle and public assistance agencies despite federal requirements
- States miss out on opportunity to collect high-quality, timely data when voters move, change names, or come of age
- Delaware's e-Signature program offers a promising model

