



TAKE SIX: What to do -- 6 Steps to Victory

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Our first goal is to reach the 20 million unmarried women who did not vote in 2004, because we know they are likely to vote Democratic. Print out this template and sign up at www.democrats.org as a TAKE SIX leader. Start thinking about women you know -- or can get to know:

- the woman working in the office down the hall
- the clerk behind the counter at the dry cleaner
- the part-time student in your night class
- the young woman taking orders at the take-out lunch counter
- the cashier at the grocery store

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Choose at least 6 women who you have a relationship with who:

- have not registered to vote, or have moved and have not changed their voting address; or
- are registered but are not planning to vote in 2006; or
- voted for George Bush / Republicans in 2004 and are ready to make a change.

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Begin the conversation about registering and casting their vote.

- Get women to register, or make sure they're registered at the correct address.
- Talk about issues they care about, and why voting is a chance to make a change.
- Tell them about the convenience of early voting in your state, if you have it, or get them absentee ballots (information in your notebook) and make sure they're sent in.

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Make sure these 6 women have no barriers to cast their votes on Nov. 7th.

- Offer to bring them to local campaign events so they can hear from candidates.
- Offer to baby-sit their children, stay with elderly parents or drive them to the polls.
- Be a friend -- and keep talking! You are the key messenger to this important voter!

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Recruit, Record, and Return.

- **Recruit.** Request contact information for your recruits, including phone and / or mail (city and zip code are most important). This allows you and the campaign to keep your contacts informed of events and election updates.
- **Record.** Make six copies of the New Voter Sheet and use this to record your information. Keep the forms so that after the election we can collect information (at your State Party) on this important voter and continue the relationship.
- **Return.** Return to your focus of getting your six women to the polls.

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Make sure your 6 women really vote -- stay in touch until the polls close!



TAKE SIX: Leader Guide to Registration and Voting

As a 'Take 6' leader, you will be adopting six women voters by making sure they are ready to vote and make it to the polls on November 7th. You may feel you need to know all the answers and you may have some concerns about giving the right advice. Rest assured, your state Democratic Party headquarters can provide you with answers to any questions you may have. Also, the League of Women Voters website <http://www.lwv.org/voter/register.cfm> is a great resource for talking points.

You should have at least 6 copies of your state's voter registration forms in your packet. You can get these at any federal or state government office or on their website (provided in TAB 7), many public libraries and your state and local board of elections.

Make sure to note the last day to register to vote or update your voter registration in your state and ensure that all registration forms you have, whether for change of address or new registration, are turned into the official election office by that date. A postmark on the registration deadline is sufficient. Check to see what type of identification, if any, your state requires to register.

As all our friends and neighbors have busy lives, it is important that they know they have options about when they can vote. All states are required to have an absentee ballot (or vote by mail) program to allow citizens who will be away from home on Election Day, or who cannot go to the polls, to vote. Many states do not restrict absentee voting and have a liberal early vote program where you can visit a polling place prior to election day and cast your ballot at a convenient time.

Contact your local election officials for information on absentee voting, locations, and details for early voting in your area. Remember to request an absentee ballot at least 30 days before the election.

As a 'Take 6' leader, it is important to help your six voters locate their polling places. You should get this information from your local board of elections, since polling locations often change between elections. You can call the state board of elections or access their website to find the local board's contact information. State by state election office information is enclosed in your 'Take 6' leader guide.

To brief yourself on commonly asked questions about voter registration and voting, visit the League of Women Voters webpage and review the 'FAQs' at www.lwv.org.

If asked by a new registrant about the process, you can follow this script:

"After you register, you should receive a card or letter telling you where to vote (usually a nearby public building). Keep that card and put it in a safe place. If you don't know where to vote, I will be happy to find out for you; I'll also be happy to arrange a ride to the polls on Election Day and even baby-sit. I will also be happy to help you with early voting if you wish."

Many thanks for your help with this program - only you can make sure each voter feels informed, empowered – and casts her vote!



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TAKE SIX: Fact Sheet

for _____, _____
County/City State

VOTER REGISTRATION:

Qualifications: resident, 18 years of age, citizen of the United States, not legally declared mentally incapacitated.

[Include the specific qualifications for your state]

Last day for voter registration is: _____

You can pick up voter registration forms at: _____

You may use the enclosed forms to help others register to vote.

Please read the form carefully and mail it in yourself when it is correctly completed.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS IN (County/Town) _____

You can vote absentee for these reasons : (illness, away on business, etc.); or for any reason (e.g., California)

Last day to apply for absentee ballot is _____

County Clerk address: _____

County Clerk Phone: _____

The voter must fill out (application) and (ballot) and mail them in.**

[Other information pertinent to your state]

EARLY VOTING

Voters can cast an early ballot at _____ or _____
(the county clerk's office) (other location?)

from _____ to _____ . [additional information pertinent to your state]
(date) (date)

** Note: the absentee process will vary by state and may require more explanation—e.g., does voter have to fill out and sign application first and mail in, and then do same with the ballot? Does your state still require notarized ballots? Does your state require an identification check before an absentee ballot is cast?

** This is a template for your state. Please include information that is pertinent to your state to equip your voters with the correct information.