

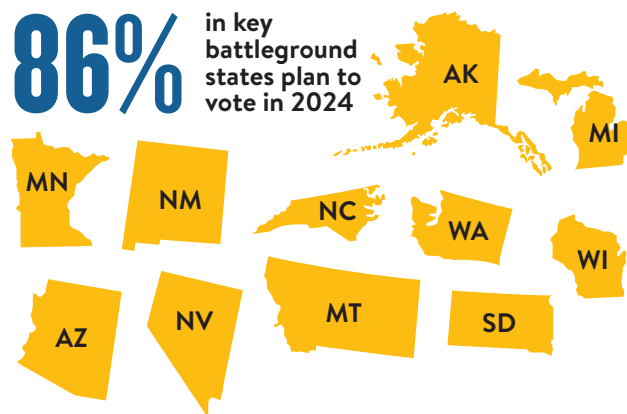
# THE POWER OF NATIVE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT: NATIVES VOTE



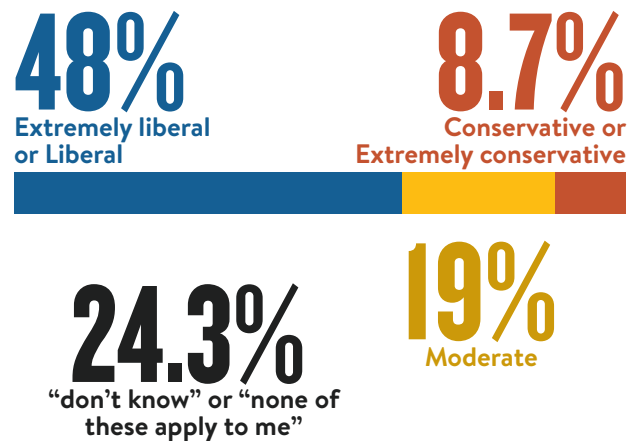
**INDIGENOUS FUTURES SURVEY**

The Indigenous Futures Survey (IFS) is the largest Native-led nationally representative survey designed to capture the voices, perspectives, and concerns of Native peoples living in the US. In 2023, we launched the third iteration of IFS and gathered responses from 5,240 Native peoples, with representation from all 50 states. **Learn more about IFS at [IllumiNative.org/iFS](https://IllumiNative.org/iFS)**

**Native people are overwhelmingly civically engaged.**



**Native people are represented across the political spectrum.**



**Trust of government entities varies among Native people. The closer to home an institution is, the more trusted that institution.**

**69%** trust their Tribal government

**55%** trust their local government

**The more removed an institution is, the less it is trusted.**

**70%** not confident in the US senate

**76%** not confident in the U.S congress

**77%** not confident in the Supreme Court

# Informing State-Specific Strategies

IFS 3.0 identified the top priority issues that will influence how people vote in the 2024 election and the top barriers to voting in key states. 11 states were identified as key priority states based on Native population and organizing potential. With this information in hand, organizers, Tribal leaders, and allies can develop strategies specific to their communities.

**Tribal Sovereignty:**  
The ability for Tribal Nations to govern, protect, and enhance the health, safety and well-being of their Tribal Citizens.

## Priority Issues in Key States

A candidate's stance means more than political affiliation for voters in Indian Country. Almost 60% of those surveyed in key states indicated that a candidate's position on priority issues influences how they vote.

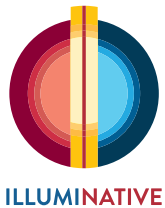
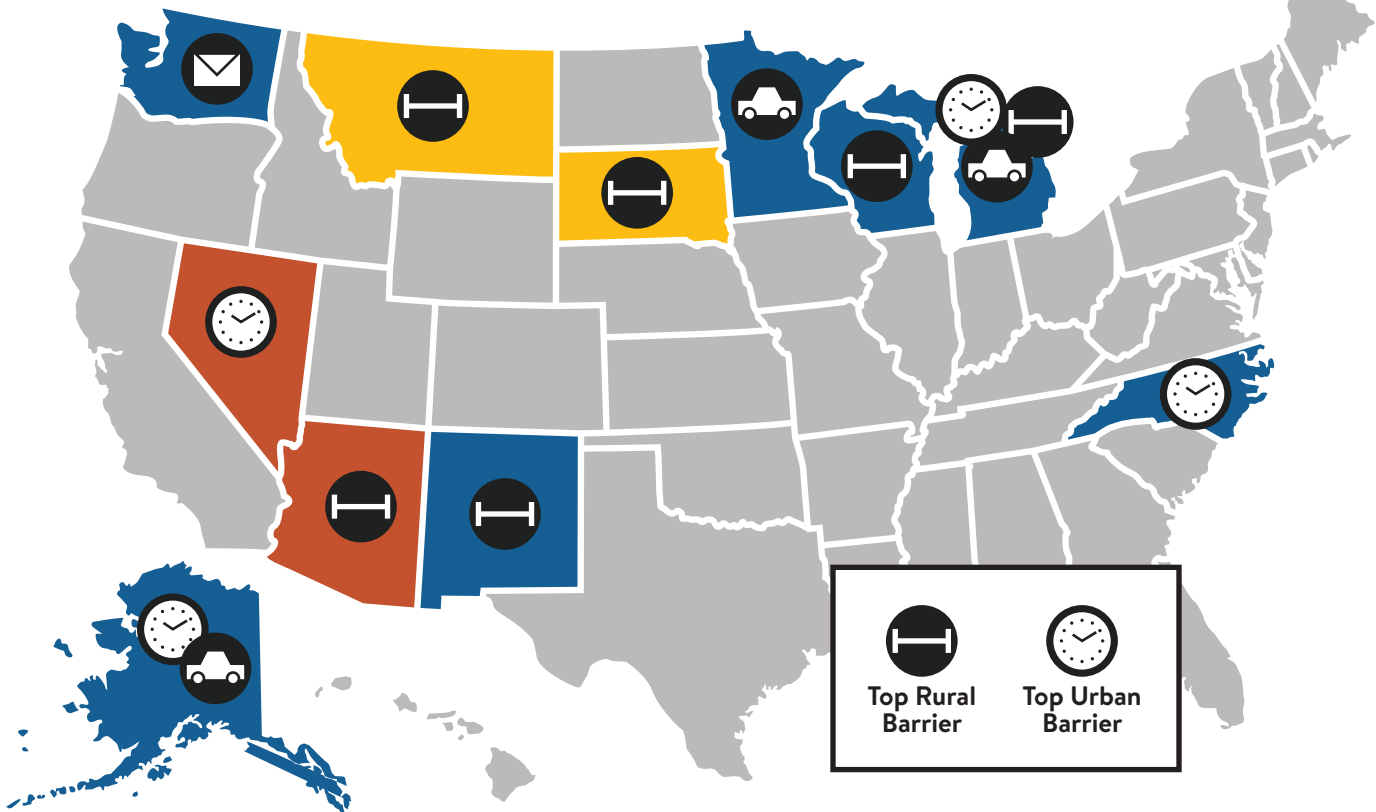
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**Environmental Protection & Climate Change**
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**U.S. Economy & Cost of Living**
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**Tribal Sovereignty & Self-Determination**

## Top Barriers to Voting in Key States

On average, more than half of those surveyed in key states have experienced barriers to exercising their right to vote.

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**Polling place only open during work hours**
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**Lack of transportation**
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**Polling place too far away**
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**Absentee ballot not sent in time**

The states with multiple top barriers had the same number of responses received for each



## Questions?

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