

***We all want a say  
in the future for our families and communities***



**Connecticut**

## **RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS TO INDIVIDUALS ON PAROLE**

**Disenfranchising people on parole sustains a racist system of inequality**

<https://ctmirror.org/category/ct-viewpoints/its-time-to-unlock-the-vote-for-those-on-parole/>

**Those on parole are concentrated in only a handful of Connecticut communities – those with significant populations of Black and Latino people**

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**In America, 1 of every 16 Black voters is denied the right to vote due to felony disenfranchisement laws, vs. 1 in every 59 non-Black voters**

<https://www.sentencingproject.org/issues/voting-rights/>

**Connecticut has the most stringent criminal disenfranchisement laws in the Northeast and it is the only state in the region that still prohibits those on parole from casting a ballot**

<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/vote-unlocking-vote-connecticuts-formerly-incarcerated/>

**People on probation can cast a ballot in Connecticut, but those on parole cannot, disenfranchising about 3,500 people**

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**Preventing formerly incarcerated people from voting undermines good-faith attempts at reintegration, and artificially decreases the voting power of the communities in which people on parole reside**

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**Felony disenfranchisement laws proliferated in the United States after the Civil War as a way for former Confederate states to circumvent Reconstruction amendments and stamp out Black political power.**

<https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/columnists/story/2020-11-22/restoring-voting-rights-to-people-leaving-prison-is-an-important-part-of-democracy>

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