



Mostly Democratic

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An email from Voters Not Politicians (VNP) predicts that if a certain popular ballot measure gets enough signatures “it’s likely to pass.”

Great! Wonderful to see democracy in action, eh?

Not so much for this leftwing political action committee, however. “We have to keep this proposal off of Michigan’s ballot in 2026,” the email went on.

The initiative [petition](#) in question is Michigan’s Citizen Only Voting Amendment, which (1) clearly establishes that “only” U.S. citizens are eligible voters in all state and local elections, (2) mandates that the Secretary of State check the voter rolls for citizenship status, and (3) requires photo ID to vote.

Polls have shown upwards of 80 percent of Michigan voters support the measure. Perhaps spurred on by the noncitizens who were [shown](#) to have voted unimpeded in last November’s

presidential election.

How will [VNP](#) honchos accomplish their mission of suppressing a petition for a public vote on this ballot initiative? They urge folks to “learn how to peacefully disrupt circulation.”

“Disrupt”? That doesn’t quite go with “peacefully.”

Last month, Charlie Kirk was assassinated speaking on a college campus. According to a recent [poll](#),* the percentage of Democrats who believe “Americans may have to resort to violence” to achieve political goals has doubled this year. Back in April, a survey [found](#) that a majority of self-identified “left-of-center” respondents agreed it was “somewhat justified to murder President Trump.” The same survey found that 15 percent found it “completely justified.”

Destroy democracy to save it?

As chairman of Americans for Citizen Voting: *We won’t let you. Stop trying to block us and others from speaking. Instead, speak out against our measure to your heart’s content.*

I also suggest looking for a rallying slogan that fits better with “peacefully.”

This is Common Sense. I’m Paul Jacob.

* From 12 percent of Democrats saying so in May of 2024 to 28 percent [this year](#). The percentage of Republicans believing violence may become necessary is higher still—29 percent in 2024 and 31 percent in 2025. A whopping 77 percent of the public cited political violence as “a major concern.”