

# **Semi-Annual Survey (2.1) Winter 2021 - only complete responses**

## **Introduction**

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As the League of Women Voters continues to focus on the future, it is critical that we are able to **effectively tell our story**. By administering this Semi-Annual Survey to more than **750 Leagues**, we are aiming to gather the data needed to do so.

This survey collects information that directly speaks to the LWVUS' Strategic Framework 2020-2024. In particular, the survey will collect data to help **measure our collective progress in four areas**:

- (1) increasing voter access and participation,
- (2) strengthening Leagues' operational capacity,
- (3) being a growing, equitable, and inclusive League community, and
- (4) growing the League's advocacy and activism.

As this survey will be administered twice a year moving forward, we look forward to tracking changes in each of these areas.

This survey is focused on **2021 - from January 1st through November 2nd**- and asks a series of questions about your League's possible work with voter guides, candidate forums, voter engagement and registration, partner engagement, and Legislative Priorities.

Leagues may need input from different League members to fill out this survey, so **please review the Word version of this survey available at the League Management Site to determine who in your League might need to provide which information**.

The **survey will close on December 10, 2021**. The findings from this survey will be shared with you through webinars and State-specific fact sheets in 2022.

If you have any questions you can contact Amilcar Guzman, Ph.D. at [aguzman@lww.org](mailto:aguzman@lww.org).

From all of us at LWVUS – **thank you for completing this survey**. Your time, knowledge, and effort are greatly appreciated.

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1. Please indicate your League's LWV entity \*

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2. Your League \*

Please use the dropdown menus to 1) select your State/Location and  
2) League Name (ID).

**VALIDATION** Min. answers = 2 (if answered)

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3. Name of Person Completing this Survey \*

First Name

Last Name

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4. Title/Role in League of Person Completing this  
Survey

VALIDATION %s format expected

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5. Please provide your email address to receive a copy of your survey results. \*

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6. In Spring 2022, LWVUS will publish state-level factsheets to highlight the work Leagues are doing across the country. Please check this box if you would not like your League's data included in your state-level factsheet.

**\*Note: All data will be published at the state-level and not at the individual League-level**

☐ Please check this box if you would not like your League's data included in your state-level factsheet.

VALIDATION Must be numeric Whole numbers only Positive numbers only

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7. How many members are in your League? \*

VALIDATION Must be numeric Whole numbers only Positive numbers only

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8. How many of these members are new since the last survey (May 2021)? \*

**VALIDATION** Min. answers = 3 (if answered)

**ID** 118

**9. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.**

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I believe that my League's membership is becoming younger.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I believe that my League is becoming more ethnically diverse.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I believe that my League's membership is becoming more economically diverse.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**LOGIC** Show/hide trigger exists.

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**10. Does your League collect demographic information? \***

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

**LOGIC** Hidden unless: #10 Question "Does your League collect demographic information?" is one of the following answers ("Yes")

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**11. Please select all of the information you collect on your membership. \***

- ☐ gender
- ☐ broad racial membership/identity
- ☐ education level
- ☐ income level

**LOGIC** Hidden unless: #10 Question "Does your League collect demographic information?" is one of the following answers ("Yes")

**ID** 133

**12. Would you be willing to share a sample (not identifiable) of your demographic data at a later date \***

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

## League Activities

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**ID** 9

Please use your best estimates to complete this section.

**VALIDATION** Min = 0 Max = 1000

**ID** 11

**13. Since May 2021, how many activities\* has your League hosted?**

*\*League-sponsored (or co-sponsored) in-person or virtual activities. Examples might include panel discussions, town halls, rallies, press conferences, or tabling opportunities. \**

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☐ Our League does not track this data

VALIDATION Min = 0 Max = 2000

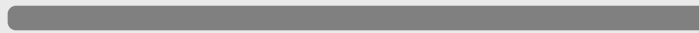
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**14. Since May 2021, how many total volunteers\* have participated in your League's activities?**

*\*Volunteers take an active role in planning and/or executing activities/events, such as presentations, rallies, townhalls, forums, writing testimony, organizing events, leading trainings, etc. Volunteers can be Members and Non-Members.*

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☐ Our League does not track this data

**15. Which communities have you engaged with since May 2021?** *(Please select all that apply)* \*

- ☐ Communities of color
- ☐ Low- income communities
- ☐ New citizens
- ☐ Non-citizens
- ☐ Seniors
- ☐ Technical/vocational school students
- ☐ High school students
- ☐ Community college/
- ☐ University/4-year college students
- ☐ Veterans
- ☐ Other - Please specify:
- ☐ N/A



LOGIC Show/hide trigger exists.

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**16. Which types of organizations is your League currently partnering with?** *(Please select all that apply)* \*

- ☐ Civic / voter engagement / “good government” groups
- ☐ Greek-Letter Organizations (Fraternities and Sororities)
- ☐ Legal organizations
- ☐ Organizations representing a particular ethnic or language community
- ☐ Organizations representing young people
- ☐ PTA / school administrators / teachers / other educational groups
- ☐ Women’s organizations
- ☐ Other - Please specify:
- ☐ No partner organizations

**LOGIC** Hidden unless: #16 Question "**Which types of organizations is your League currently partnering with?** (*Please select all that apply*)" is one of the following answers ("Civic / voter engagement / "good government" groups", "Greek-Letter Organizations (Fraternities and Sororities)", "Legal organizations", "Organizations representing a particular ethnic or language community", "Organizations representing young people", "PTA / school administrators / teachers / other educational groups", "Women's organizations", "Other - Please specify:")

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**17. Does your League currently partner\* with any of the following groups?** (*Please select all that apply*) \*

Please use the open text box to let us know with which other groups your League most regularly partners.

\*Being a co-sponsor and publicizing each other's events; co-planning events (decide all aspects of the event jointly); or engaging in longer-term mission-driven planning together.

- ☐ American Association of University Women (AAUW)
- ☐ AARP
- ☐ Common Cause
- ☐ National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
- ☐ American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
- ☐ League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)
- ☐ Local Chamber of Commerce
- ☐ Local Food Bank
- ☐ Hospital/Health Clinic
- ☐ State Voices/Civic Engagement Table
- ☐ Other - Please specify:

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**VALIDATION** Min = 0 Max = 15000

**LOGIC** Show/hide trigger exists.

**ID** 106

**18. Since January 1, 2021, how many voters has your League registered \***

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☐ Our League does not track this data

**LOGIC** Hidden unless: #18 Question "Since January 1, 2021, how many voters has your League registered" is greater than "0"

**ID** 49

**19. What tactics did your League utilize to help voter register in 2021?**  
(Please select all that apply) \*

- ☐ By directing voters to your state's online voter registration portal
- ☐ By directing voters to the voter registration tool on VOTE411.org
- ☐ By purchasing equipment (iPads, laptops, etc.) for voters to use at your registration drives
- ☐ Employed a QR code at in-person events/locations
- ☐ Provided partners/venues with printed materials directing voters how to register
- ☐ Collected paper voter registration applications at in-person events
- ☐ Other - Please specify:

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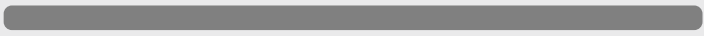
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**20. Since January 1, 2021, How many voters has your League contacted?**

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0  10,000

☐ Our League does not track this data

**LOGIC** Hidden unless: #20 Question "Since January 1, 2021, How many voters has your League contacted? " is greater than "0"

**ID** 52

**21. How did your League contact voters in 2021? (Please select all that apply) \***

- ☐ Text
- ☐ Phone
- ☐ Mail
- ☐ Social Media
- ☐ Paid Advertising
- ☐ In-Person
- ☐ Outreach Circle
- ☐ Other - Please specify:

**22. What LWWUS resources did your League use for its election activities?** *(Please select all that apply)* \*

- ☐ VOTE411.org website
- ☐ Training webinar(s) hosted by LWWUS staff
- ☐ Sample questions for debates and voters' guides
- ☐ Sample social media graphics, Facebook post or tweets
- ☐ Empowering the Voters of Tomorrow High School training manual
- ☐ Naturalization Ceremony toolkit
- ☐ Sample questions for elections officials
- ☐ Template press release or Op-Ed
- ☐ Personal help from LWWUS staff, board member or coach - Who?

- ☐ Other - Please specify:

- ☐ N/A

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**23. Did your League produce any of the following types of Voter Guides in 2021? \***

- ☐ Local election guide
- ☐ State election guide
- ☐ General voter education guide
- ☐ Other - Please specify:

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- ☐ N/A

LOGIC Show/hide trigger exists.

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**24. In 2021, did your League sponsor/cosponsor any candidate debates or forums? (Please select all that apply) \***

- ☐ Yes, in-person candidate debates or forums
- ☐ Yes, virtual candidate debates or forums
- ☐ Yes, hybrid (in-person & virtual) candidate debates or forums
- ☐ No.

**LOGIC** Hidden unless: #24 Question "In 2021, did your League sponsor/cosponsor any candidate debates or forums? *(Please select all that apply)*" is one of the following answers ("Yes, in-person candidate debates or forums", "Yes, virtual candidate debates or forums", "Yes, hybrid (in-person & virtual) candidate debates or forums")

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**25. Please describe any challenges your League faced when sponsoring debate or candidate forums in 2021. \***

**26. Broadly speaking, what will be your League's 2022 legislative priorities?** *(Please select all that apply)* \*

- ☐ Election Administration Reforms (Campaign for Making Democracy Work®)
- ☐ Money in Politics (Campaign for Making Democracy Work®)
- ☐ Redistricting and Apportionment (Campaign for Making Democracy Work®)
- ☐ Voter Protection (Campaign for Making Democracy Work®)
- ☐ Climate Change/Environmental Reform
- ☐ Healthcare
- ☐ Public Safety and Accountability
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Reproductive Rights
- ☐ Other - Please specify:

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27. What tools and resources does your League plan to use for your upcoming legislative work? *(Please select all that apply)* \*

- ☐ Legislative Tracking Software
- ☐ State Observer Corps
- ☐ State Lobby Corps
- ☐ Policy Analysis from LWVUS
- ☐ Virtual Meetings with Legislators
- ☐ Virtual Townhalls and Forums for Voters
- ☐ Op-ed and LTE writing
- ☐ Paid Media Campaigns
- ☐ Other - Please specify:
- ☐ N/A

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28. How confident is your League in its ability to use a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) lens when working on legislative priorities? \*

- ☐ Very comfortable, we know where to find the relevant information and to apply the DEI lens to our work
- ☐ Comfortable, we know how to use a DEI lens and we are open to additional feedback or training in our approach
- ☐ Somewhat Comfortable, we would like more training on building out our DEI approach
- ☐ Not Comfortable, we need training and guidance to get started on applying DEI lens to our legislative priorities
- ☐ N/A

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29. How helpful is the 2022 Legislative Guidance in helping your League achieve its intended objectives? \*

Extremely  
helpful

☐

Very  
helpful

☐

Moderately  
helpful

☐

Slightly  
helpful

☐

Not at all  
helpful

☐

Not  
applicable

☐

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30. Please provide additional information that will help LWVUS better understand your League's legislative priorities. It is critical that we understand how best to support you as you work to achieve your objectives.

## Accountability

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31. From your perspective, how accountable are elected officials (at the federal, state or local levels) to the people your League serves? \*

Very  
accountable

☐

Accountable

☐

Somewhat  
accountable

☐

Not-at-all  
accountable

☐

Prefer not to  
say

☐

**32. Please indicate what tools/resources that you think could meaningfully help disenfranchised communities hold lawmakers and public officials accountable. (Please select all that apply) \***

- ☐ Public records requests (FOIA or state equivalent) that might shine a light on how decisions are being made
- ☐ Opportunity to comment on regulations or other public policies being proposed.
- ☐ Open meetings rules (also known as Sunshine Laws,) to participate in government meetings
- ☐ Advocacy efforts to demand equal participation on government committees/commissions.
- ☐ Strategies to reduce conflicts of interest among lawmakers and public officials
- ☐ Disclosure of the role money plays in influencing politics and policymaking
- ☐ Filing lawsuits to bring greater accountability
- ☐ Strengthening – through stronger mandates and funding - oversight bodies within government agencies.
- ☐ Other – Please specify

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33. Please share what you liked about this survey.

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34. Please share any challenges you had in completing this survey.

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35. Is there anything else that you would like to share?

**Thank You!**

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Thank you for taking the Semi-Annual Survey!

Please look out for an email of your survey responses with the subject line "LWVUS Winter 2021 Semi-Annual Survey" and sent from "League of Women Voters of the United States"

If you have any questions, please contact:

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