The Disenfranchised Among Us

In the year in which we celebrate the passage of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote, poll taxes, prison records, and address limitations imposed by the government all keep qualified legal voters from exercising the important right each U.S. citizen has to vote either currently or in the past. This program will explore the barriers which prevent citizens otherwise entitled to vote in U.S. elections, and will explore the implications of continuing to employ those restrictions upon the fundamental right to self-determination. The program will also discuss efforts to restore voting rights to those released following complete service of sentences issued for criminal offenses and also will focus on those whose only address is a post office box such as those residing on Reservations.

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