



More Than 550,000 Primary Absentee Ballots Rejected In 2020, Far Outpacing 2016

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Inhalt: Dieser Radiobeitrag beschäftigt sich mit dem Problem der hohen Anzahl ungültiger Briefwahlzettel bei den Vorwahlen zur amerikanischen Präsidentschaftswahl. Experten besprechen mögliche Auswirkungen dieser Problematik auf die Wahl des US-Präsidenten im November 2020. Passende Hörverständnisaufgaben drehen sich rund um die Themen Politik, Wahl und Briefwahl in den USA.



3. Current US politics – What do you know?

Divide the words and symbols in the box into two groups and put them in the respective lists below. Find a partner and tell each other how you came up with the items in your groups. Do some online research if you need more help.

- Donald Trump • Democrats
- Republicans • president • presidential candidate • Joe Biden
-  • red • blue • GOP • 
- former vice president

Listening

You can find the podcast for this listening comprehension exercise here:

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Vocabulary

to reject ablehnen — frailties Anfälligkeiten, Schwächen — invalid ungültig

Introduction

Radio host Scott Simon is talking to journalist Pam Fessler and political scientist Daniel Smith about rejected primary absentee ballots.

You will hear the text twice. Read the questions before you start listening. Mark (✓) the correct box (there is only one correct answer to each question) or write the answer in the blank space.

You don't have to write full sentences. Keywords will do.

11. What efforts are made to reduce the number of invalid mail-in ballots? Name two.

- _____
- _____

Post-listening

12. Cartoon interpretation

Give an interpretation of the cartoon "Vote By Mail" by John Cole below.

Background information on the USPS

- USPS = United States Postal Service
- agency of the US government that provides postal service in the US
- also called US Mail or Post Office
- empties mailboxes marked "US Mail"
- only postal service has official access to personal mailboxes at people's homes in the US.



| Cartoon: John Cole, *The Scranton Times-Tribune*, PA.

13. Team discussion: Which way is the best way to vote?

Together with a partner, discuss the pros and cons of each of the following options:

- voting by mail before the election
- voting electronically using a smartphone app on the day of the election
- going to a polling station on the day of the election