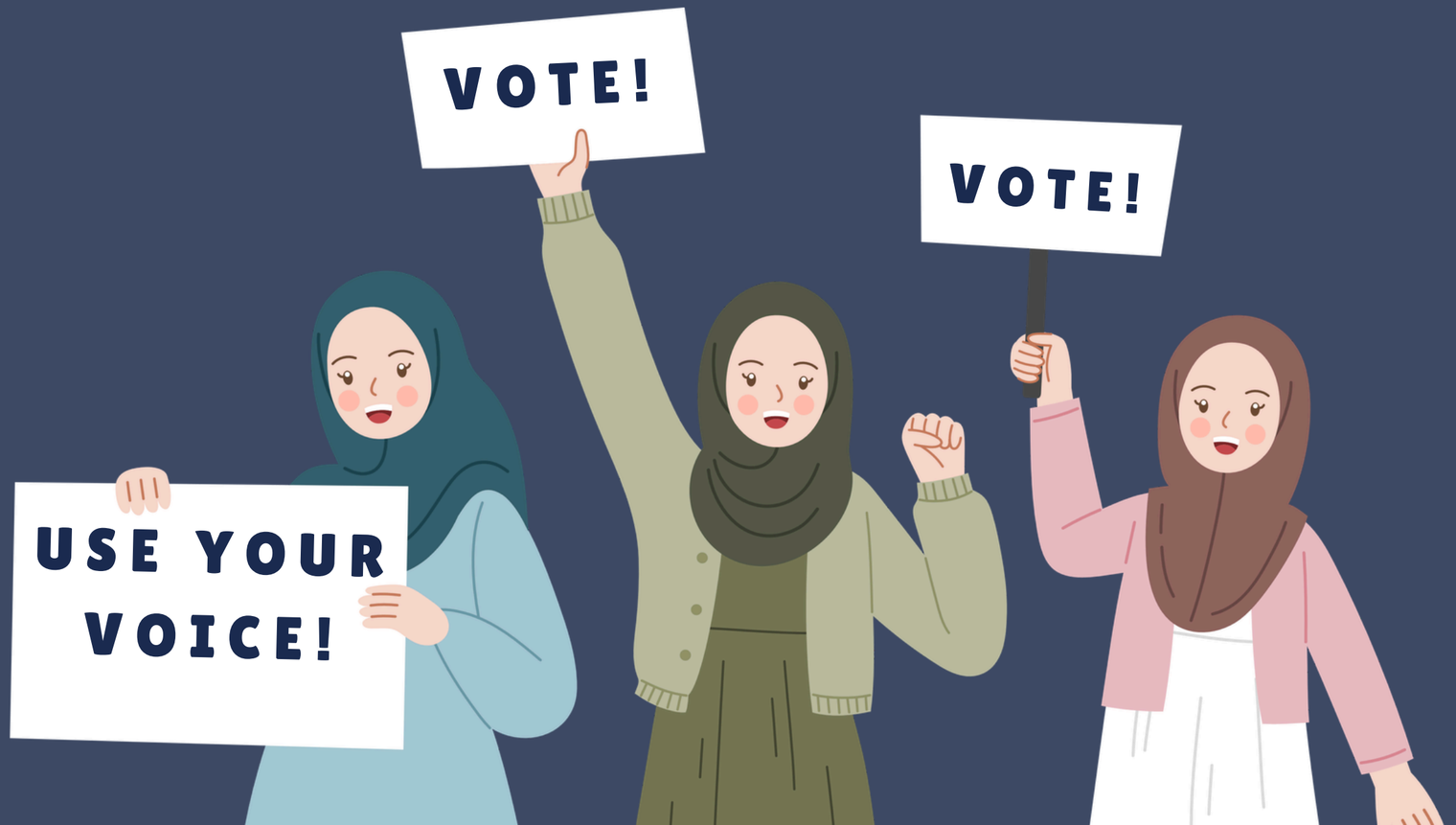
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What is Truly at Stake

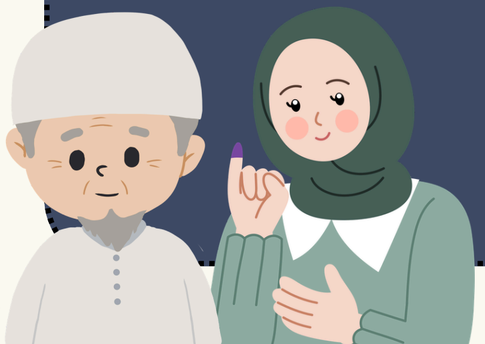
- Muslims are more at risk now than ever before
- What can Anti-Muslim rhetoric contribute to?
- This is about more than individual political disagreements.
    - It is also about religious freedom, equal treatment, representation, and the ability of Muslim communities to live and participate in society without being targeted because of their faith.

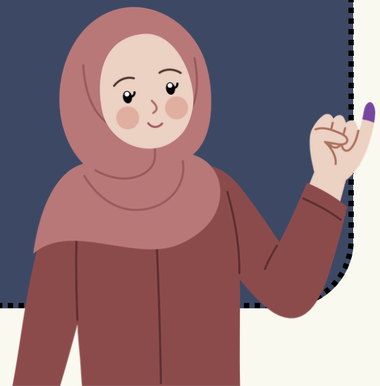


Muslim Myths in the Media → Overarching Narrative

- **Creeping Sharia**: This is the claim that sharia is gradually taking over – or threatens to take over – American/Texas law

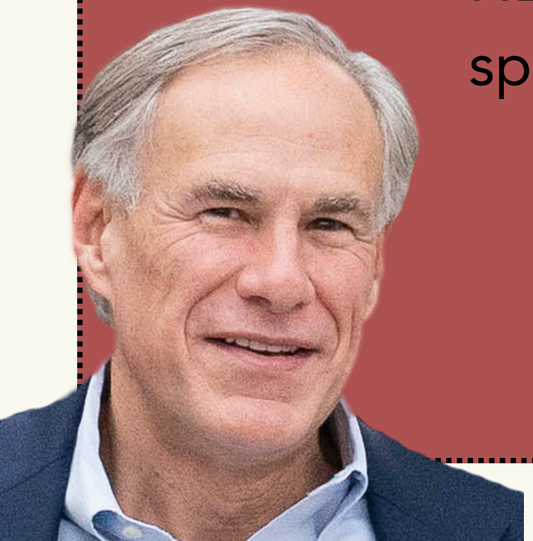
- "**Islam is Not a Religion"**: This is the claim that Islam is not a religion, as are Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, etc, but rather, that it is a political ideology or system. Therefore, Islam should not receive the same protections as real religions do. Instead, it should be treated as an adversarial / hostile force.





Ballot Breakdown → Greg Abbott

- Republican Candidate for Governor
- Greg Abbott has taken an explicitly anti-Muslim stance
  - Designated Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) as a “foregin terrorist organization”
  - Targeted EPIC’s development
  - HB 4211 - “Anti-Sharia Compounds” Law → spreads misunderstanding and propaganda





Ballot Breakdown → Ken Paxton

- Republican Candidate for Senate
- Currently, as Attorney General, Ken Paxton has, and may continue to have, the power to actively harm Muslims in Texas
- Sued CAIR and the Muslim Brotherhood to shut them down
- Spearheaded a multi-year campaign to destroy the EPIC City Muslim Community Development
- Targeted the Islamic Tribunal as an alled “sharia court”
- Excluded Islamic private schools from the $1 billion voucher program





Ballot Breakdown → Bo French

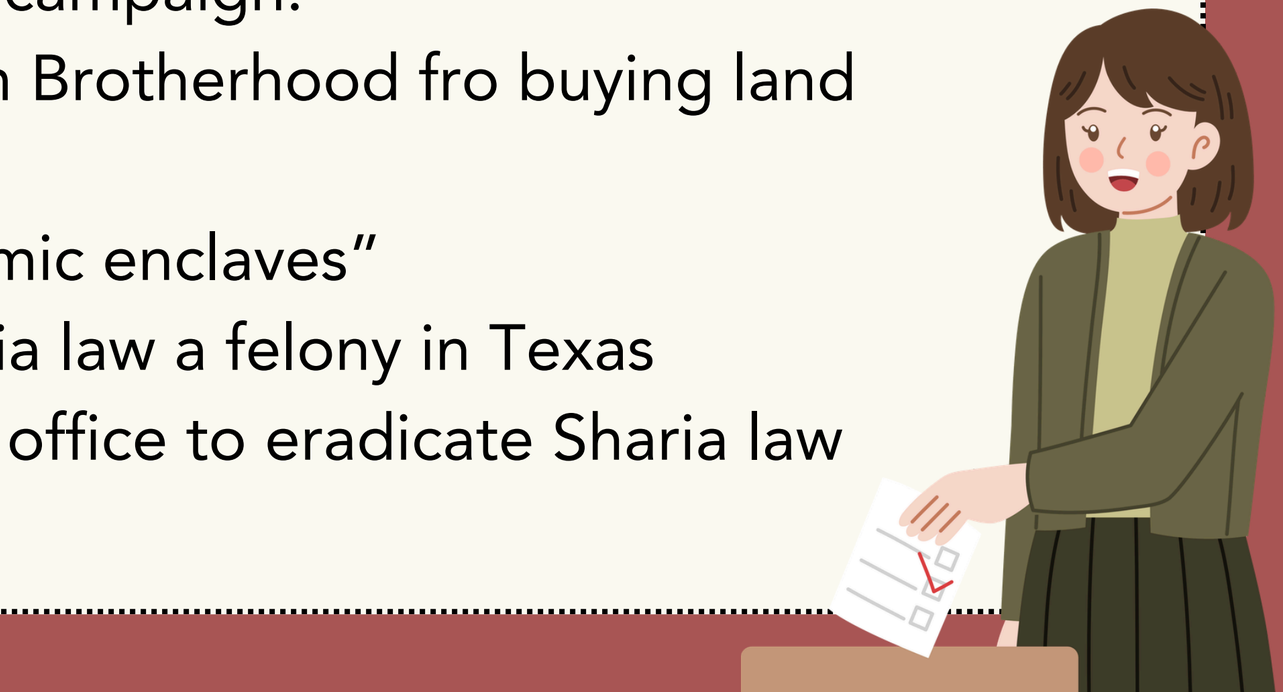
- Republican Candidate for Railroad Commissioner
- called for the outright ban of Islam at CPAC (Conservative Political Action Conference)
    - his panel was titled “Don’t Sharia My Texas”
- has called for Texas to ban Islam entirely
- has called for Republicans to more openly embrace Islamophobia
- polled his followers on whether Jews or Muslims are a “bigger threat to america”
- his campaign for the railroad commission was blatantly and explicitly run on anti-Islamic sentiments



Ballot Breakdown → Mayes Middleton

- Running for Attorney General
- Declared Texas a “Christian State” while equating Muslims with murder
- Pledged a state-wide anti-Muslim Enforcement Division at a prayer service in DFW Airport
- Has promised the following in his campaign:
  - To block CAIR and the Muslim Brotherhood fro buying land in Texas
  - Stop “no-go zones” and “Islamic enclaves”
  - To make enforcement of Sharia law a felony in Texas
  - Deploy every tool in the AG’s office to eradicate Sharia law





Influential Figures → Ted Cruz

- Current sitting senator, not running in *this* election.
- Introduced the Muslim Brotherhood and CAIR terrorist Designation Act
  - Stated that Muslims are “committed to the overthrow and destruction of America and other non-Islamist governments across the world”
  - Has introduced this act in 2015, 2017, 2020, 2021, and 2025.
- Suggested that the U.S. should “kill” Muslim Brotherhood members as an alternative to sanctions.
- Pubicly declared “Sharia law shall never be allowed in the United States of America” as a campaign rally cry.



Influential Figures: Chip Roy

- Posted “No More Muslims” and Claiming DFW airport has “No-Go Zones”.
- Introduced the MAMDANI act to deport and denaturalize Muslims.
- Introduced Multiple Anti- Muslim Bills including the IMAM act and the CAIR Terrorist Designation Act.
  - IMAM act: This would ban Imams, Grand Shaykhs, Mufits, and more from entering the U.S. on religious workers visas.
- Established the Sharia Free Caucus
  - Opposes the influence of Sharia law in the U.S.









Ballot Breakdown → Other Anti-Muslim Action

- Keith Self (R-TX 3)
  - Says Sharia law and political Islam are fundamentally incompatible with the U.S. Constitution and Western values.
- Brandon Gill (R-TX)
  - Posted “No more Muslims immigrating to America” on social media.
- Aaron Reitz
  - Also claimed that Islam is incompatibale with Western civilization.

Next Steps

Let’s Vote!!!

Early Voting Dates: October 19th-30th

Election Day: November 3rd

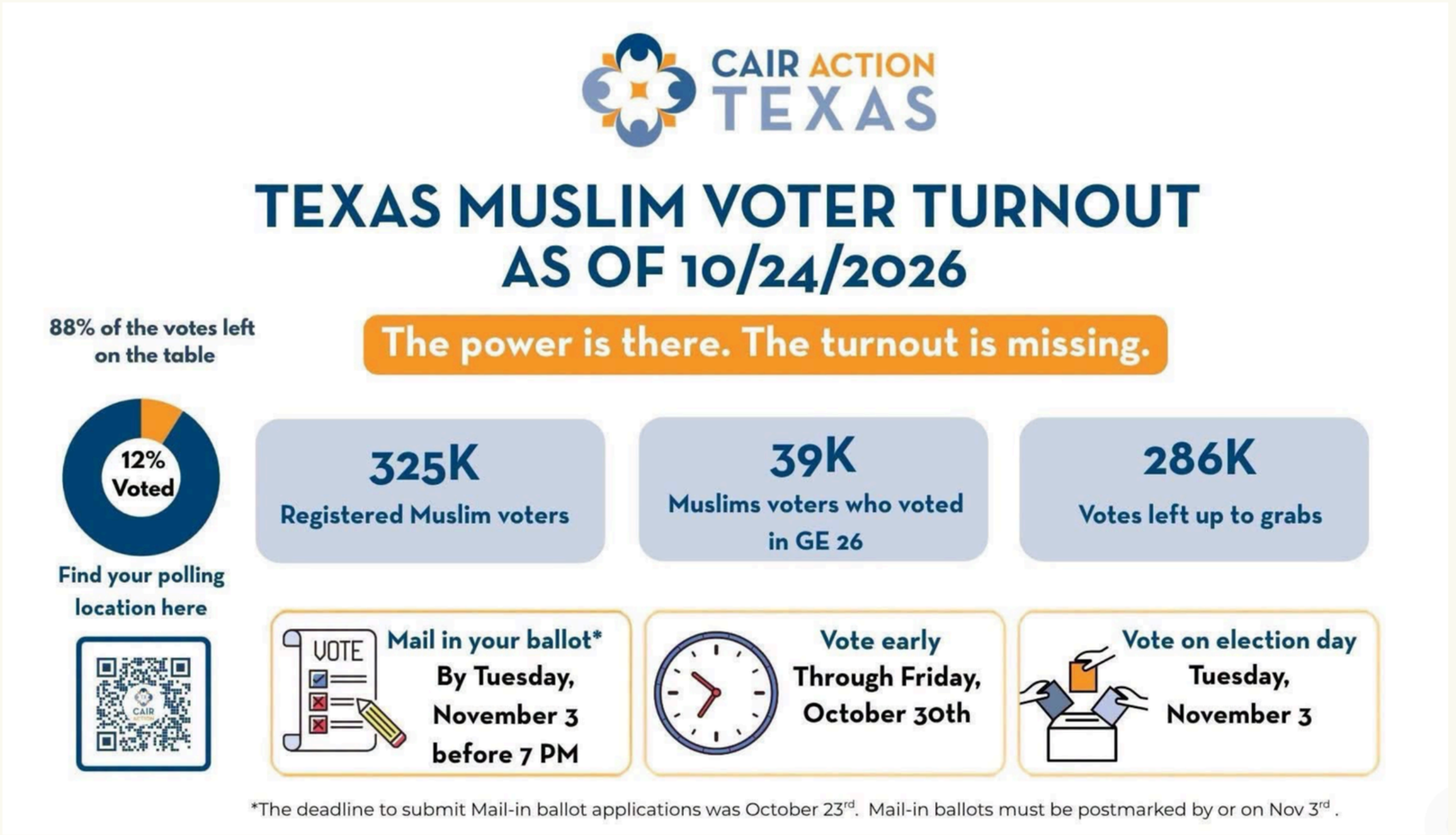


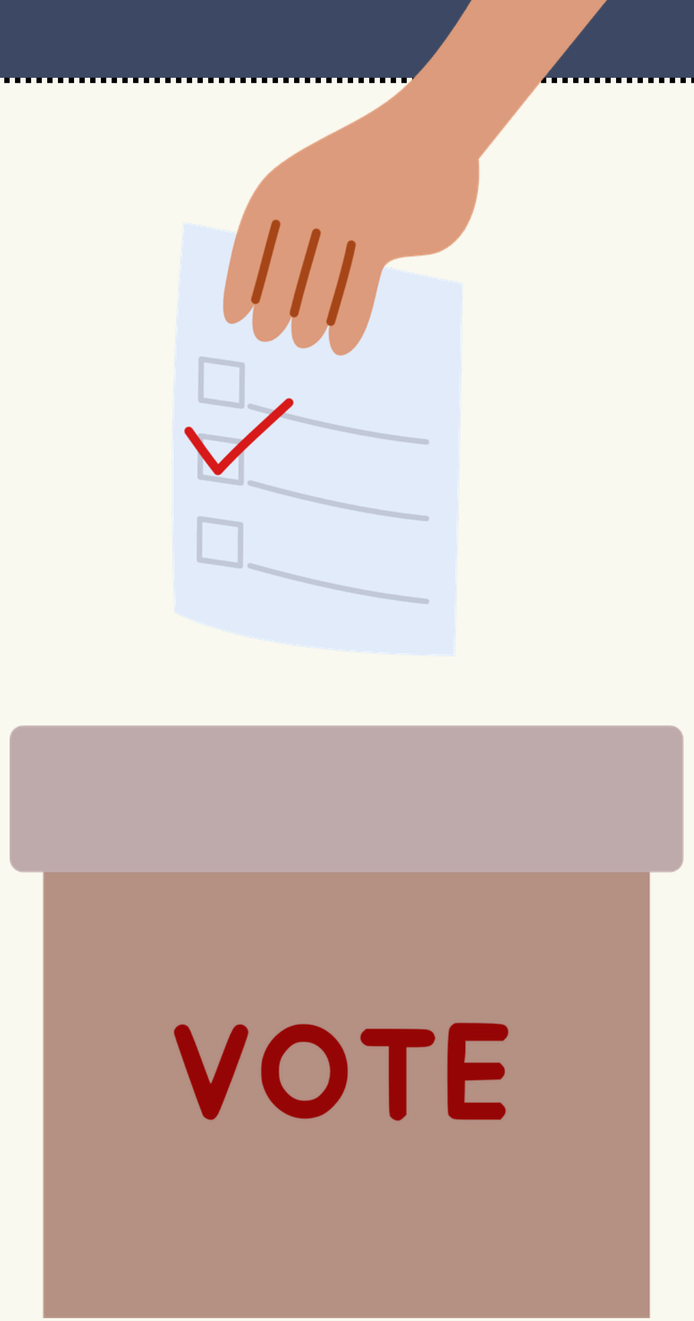
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Why Your Vote Matters





Conclusion

This election is about more than politics, it is about protecting the rights, dignity, and future of Muslim communities in Texas. These anti-Muslim rhetoric and policies demonstrate why political representation and civic engagement matter.

Our voices, our votes, and our communities have the power to challenge Islamophobia and hold elected officials accountable. As we approach Election Day, let’s stay informed, speak out against discrimination, and use our ballots to build a Texas where Muslims are safe, respected, and represented. Our future depends on our participation—make your voice heard and vote!

Questions?



THANK YOU

