On November 7, millions won't be allowed to vote!

Suffrage, the bedrock of the Constitution, is being eroded in the name of the War on Drugs.

There are nearly four million persons currently or permanently disenfranchised as a result of laws that take away the voting rights of felons and ex-felons.

No other democracy besides the U.S. disenfranchises convicted offenders for life. Many democratic nations, including Denmark, France, Israel, and Poland, permit prisoners to vote as well.

Nearly three-quarters (73 percent) of the disenfranchised are not in prison but are on probation, on parole or have completed their sentences.

1.4 million African American men -- 13 percent of the adult African American male population -- have lost the right to vote, a rate of disenfranchisement that is seven times the national average. By comparison, in the 1996 general election 4.6 million African American men voted.

In Florida one in three African American men has permanently lost the right to vote.

In five states Iowa, Mississippi, New Mexico, Virginia, and Wyoming, one in four black men (24% to 28%) have permanently lost the right to vote.

Can we expect people to be responsible citizens if they are treated as second class citizens?

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