

WELCOME TO YOUR 2024 QUEER

ELECTION

GUIDE



Y'ALL IT'S TIME TO VOTE



THIS YEAR, ELECTIONS
AT EVERY LEVEL
CARRY TREMENDOUS
IMPACT AND HIGH
CONSEQUENCES

Local Level

Who's filling your
(pot)holes?

State Level

Should public money
go to private schools?

Federal Level

WTF is going on??

ELECTIONS 101

Back to
the basics



WTF IS ON YOUR BALLOT?

The who's who
and what's what



WE'VE GOT ISSUES!

What's everyone talking about?

TL;DR

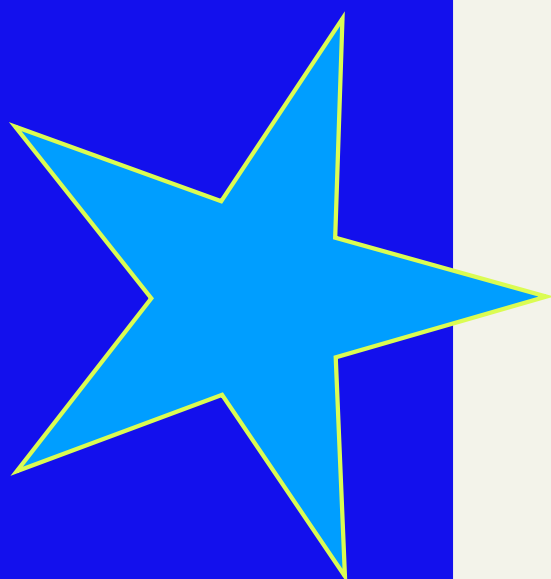
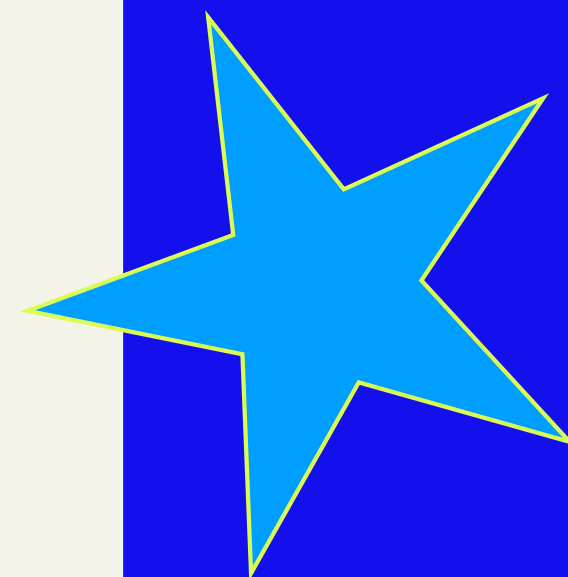
We get it, we get it,
you're busy



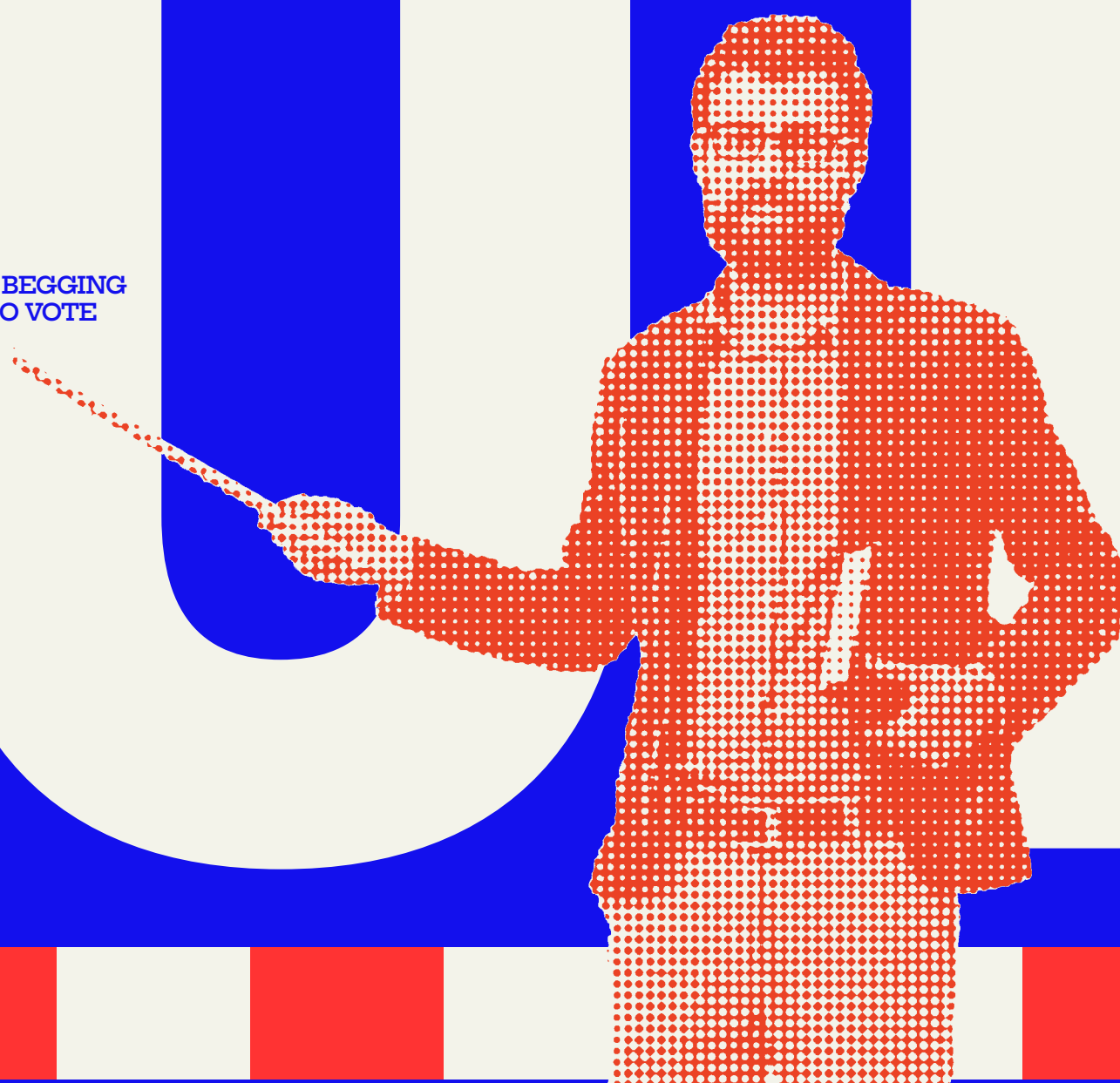


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I'M BEGGING
U TO VOTE



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RU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

Register to vote, pweaseee.
Kentuckians: You can check your
registration status here:
<https://vrsws.sos.ky.gov/vic/>



NOT SURE?

Not in Kentucky? No sweat!
Look up your state's info on

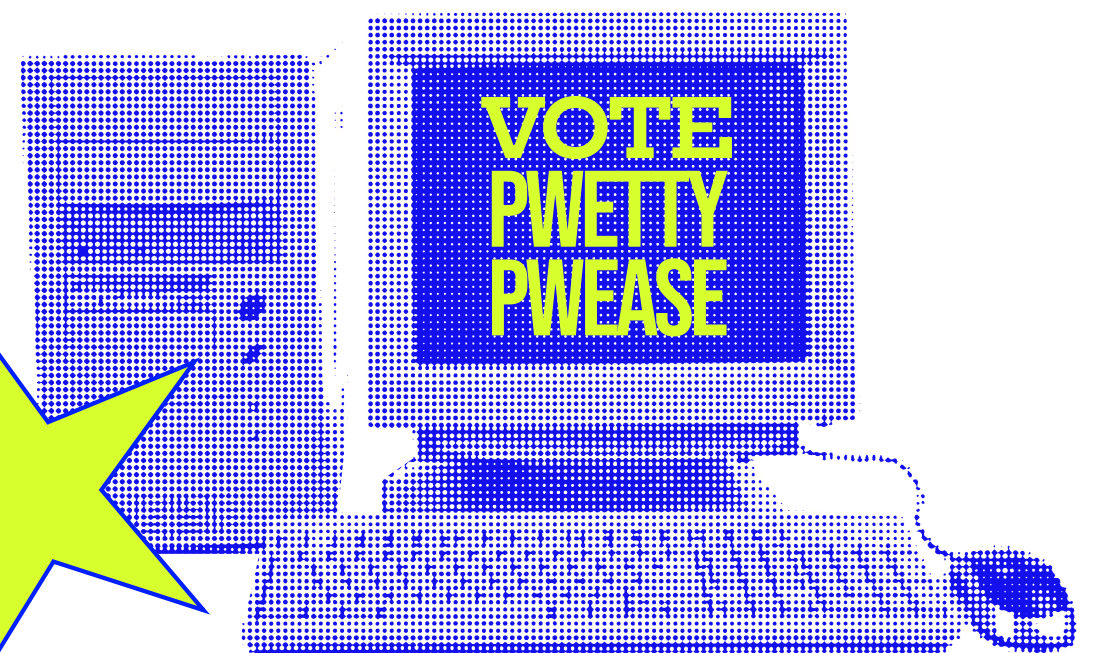
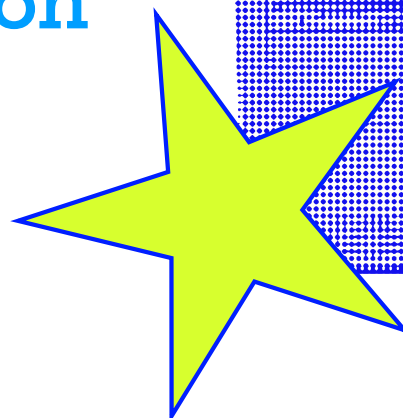


WOULDN'T HURT TO CHECK★YEAH?

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 5. Some
states also have types of early voting —
Kentucky offers no-excuse, in-person
early voting from Oct. 31 to Nov. 2.



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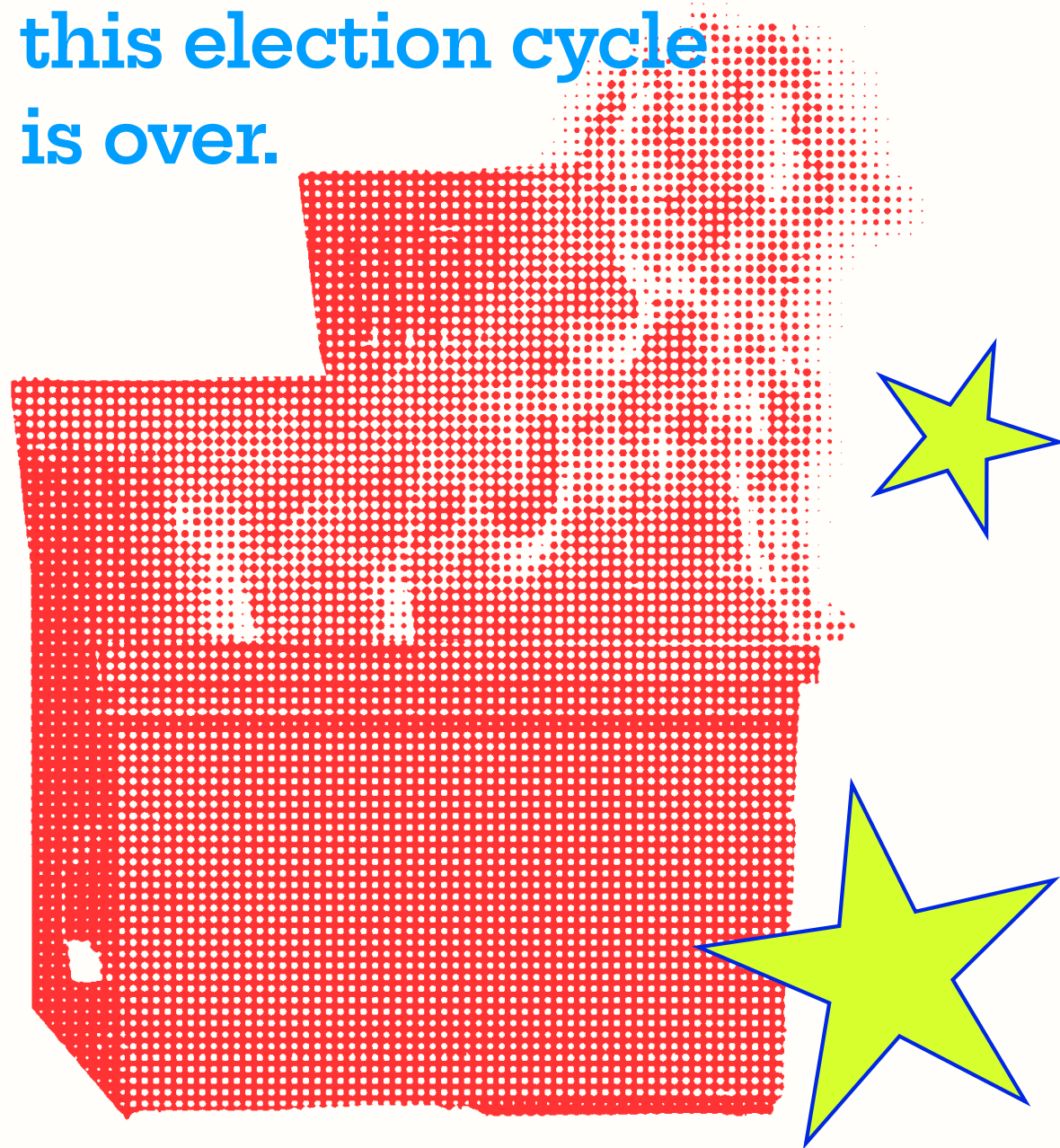
OK WE GET IT,
OUR
OPTIONS
ARE SORTA
GARBAGE

A DUMPSTER FIRE IN SOME CASES

THAT'S NO EXCUSE
NOT TO VOTE.

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There are outcomes that
suck less than others and
we all still have to keep
trying to survive after
this election cycle
is over.



REASONS TO
VOTE ANYWAY

Abortion access

Black Lives

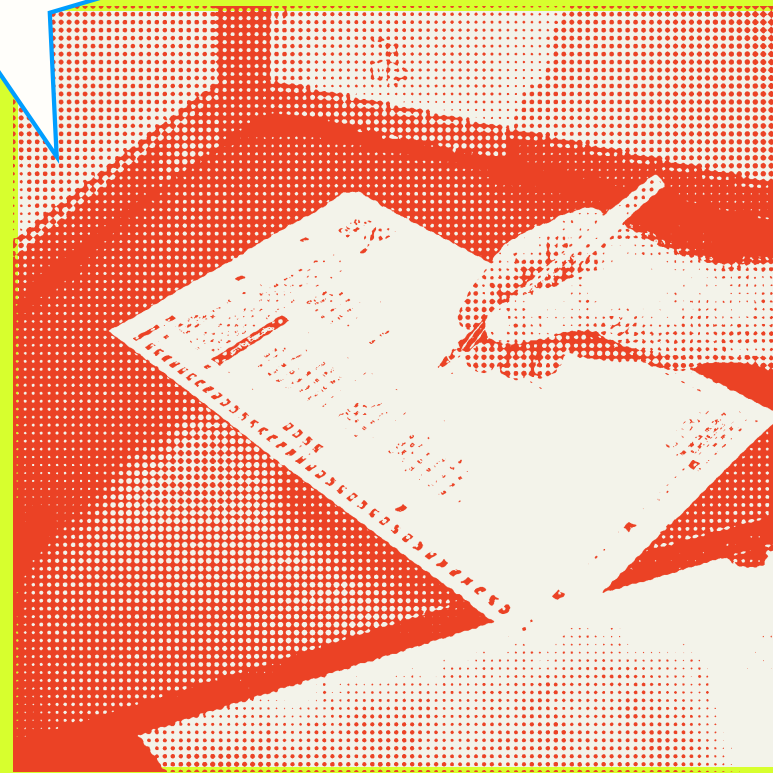
Book Bans

Ceasefire resolution

Protecting trans kids

OK, BUT, LIKE, WHAT'S ACTUALLY GOING TO BE ON YOUR BALLOT?

What you're voting on **HEAVILY** depends on where you're registered to vote. Some decisions are statewide, where others are hyper local.



IMPACTFUL LOCAL DECISIONS CAN END UP BEING DECIDED BY JUST YOU AND A HANDFUL OF NEIGHBORS.

In a small precinct near Louisville, 130 voters voted to ban alcohol sales in a small area, shutting down a local Black-owned restaurant. (This is why getting your neighbors to the polls with you is so crucial.)

Kentuckians, you'll be able to find your mock ballots by looking up your county **RIGHT HERE:**
Web.sos.ky.gov/electionballots/

Non-Kentuckians, you know what to do:



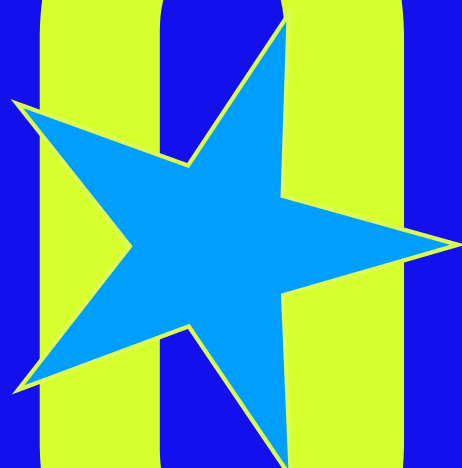
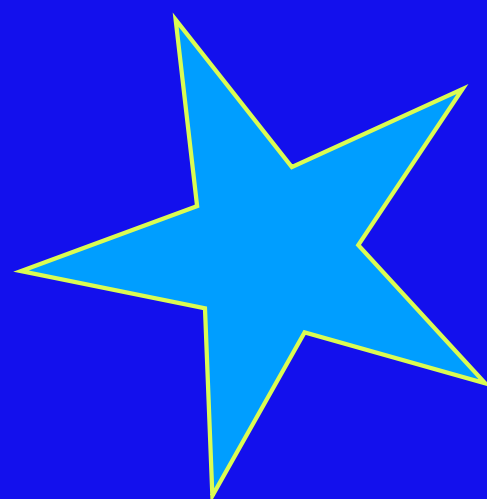
DO YOU KNOW WHAT RACES HAVE THE
BIGGEST IMPACT
ON YOUR DAY-TO-DAY LIFE

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LOCAL RACES

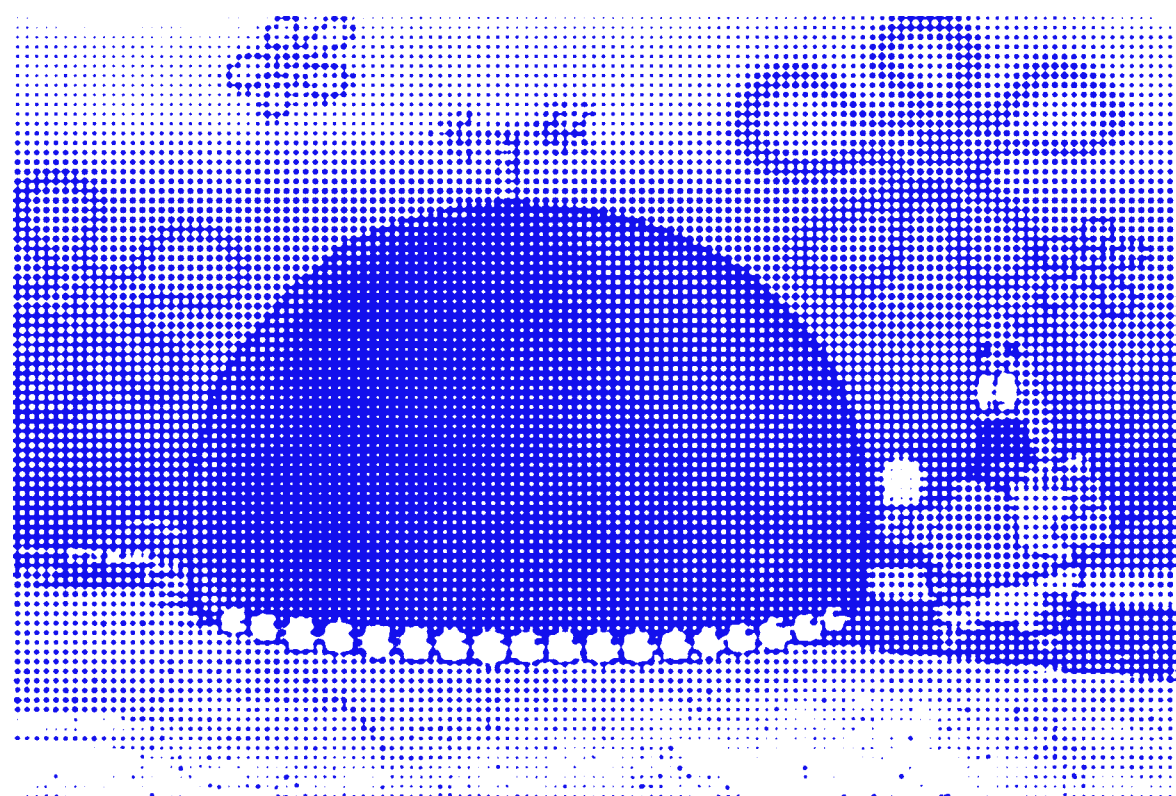
Mayor
Judge Executive
City Council
School Board
etc.

Local races are different everywhere —
SO CHECK YOUR MOCK BALLOTS!



WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?

It's a damn shame
our ballots don't
come with
a user manual



Executive & Legislative Girlies

Mayor
City Council/Commission
Judge Executive
County Clerk

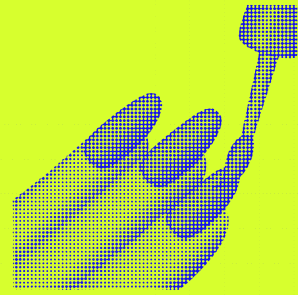
Judicial Girlies

Circuit Clerk
Circuit/District Judge
Family Court Judge

SEEMS CONFUSING? DON'T WORRY,
WE'LL TRANSLATE FOR YOU

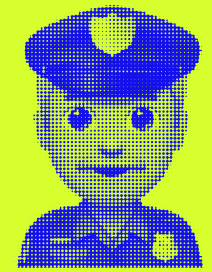
YOUR LOCAL EXECUTIVE & LEGISLATIVE GIRLIES

MAYOR



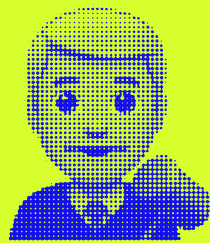
The girlboss in charge of your city. Their power varies depending on what model of government your city follows, but regardless they pack a punch.

CITY COUNCIL /COMMISSION



Their power is similar to the mayor but on a slightly lower level. City council can act on things like affordable housing, police budget, and marijuana sales in legal states...or not.

JUDGE EXECUTIVE

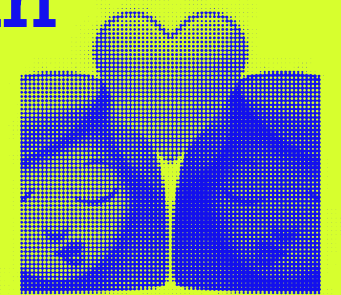


The Queen of the county. ALSO, not usually actually a judge, what gives?

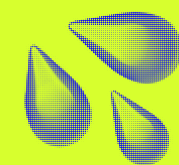
COUNTY CLERK

Oversees local elections, runs the DMV, and is in charge of marriage licenses...*cough*

...Kim Davis... *cough*



SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISORS



idk, this one might be pretty self explanatory.

YOUR LOCAL JUDICIAL GIRLIES



CIRCUIT CLERK

The Circuit Clerk manages the records for a county. This is your bestie that takes and keeps all the photos for the group.

CIRCUIT/DISTRICT JUDGE

This is your classic judge, they make decisions on sentencing in your community. Fighting for Black, LGBTQ+, and other marginalized lives means knowing who to vote for to keep us safe.

FAMILY COURT JUDGE

Similar to the Circuit Judge, the Family Court Judge presides over court cases, but specifically family related ones — stuff like divorce or custody: situations that get especially complicated for LGBTQ+ families.



COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY

This is your county prosecutor. They get to work in secret with basically no one watching them. This is your chance to have a say in prosecution in your area.

COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE



This is, obvs, a judge, but they sit on the state Court of Appeals, so they are between a regular county judge and the state Supreme Court.

STATE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

They interpret the meaning of the law, and decide how it should be applied. They're the Queen Bee of the judicial system. What they say goes.



LEXINGTON AREA — check your ballot, you may play a role in determining the overall trajectory of the Commonwealth for years to come.
(NO PRESSURE)

Almost everyone has school board seats on their ballots.

SCHOOL BOARDS

play a critical role in determining childrens' education
and how your tax dollars get spent.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE AT THE CENTER OF MASSIVE LOCAL DECISIONS

CENSORSHIP IN SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Should books be banned?

RIGHT TO FREE SPEECH & IDENTITY

Should students be prohibited from
using their names/pronouns/gender
in school?

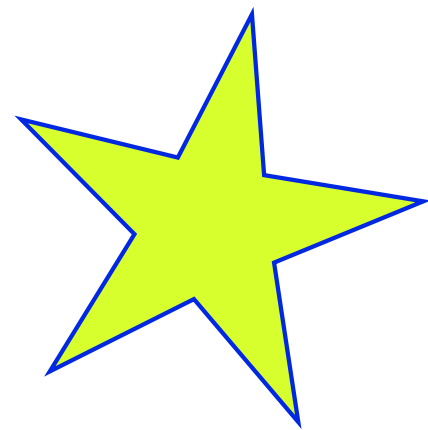
RIGHT TO PRIVACY

Should teachers be required to report
LGBTQ+ status to parents?

CENSORSHIP IN CLASSROOMS

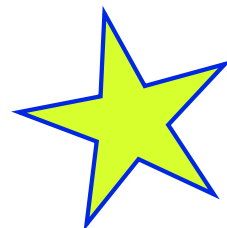
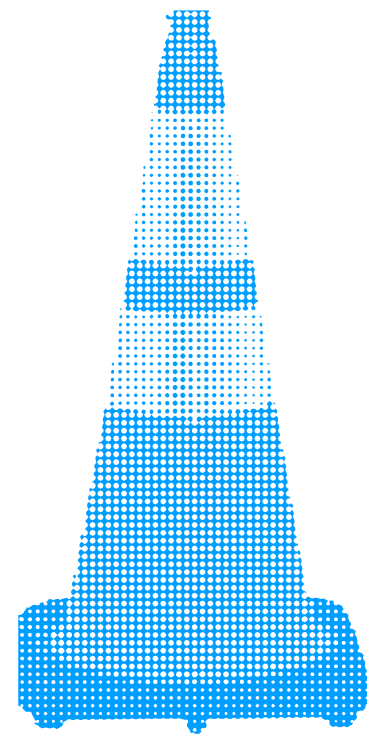
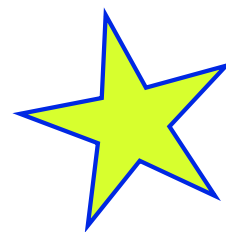
Should racial history be censored/
omitted from curriculum?

IF YOU THINK LOCAL RACES DON'T MATTER,
YOU'RE WRONG, SRY NOT SRY :/



They can impact your day-to-day –

LIKE HOW QUICKLY
POTHOLES GET FILLED



They impact how your area outwardly represents
your political views, like passing a resolution

STANDING WITH THE
PEOPLE OF PALESTINE



When the state won't do it for them, local
governments are passing their own

LGBTQ+ PROTECTIONS



STATE RACES



ALL
of Kentucky's
state House seats

& HALF
of Kentucky's
state Senate seats

That's around 86% of all of the folks who control what bills come up for debate and what does — and does not — get passed. (And that's just in Kentucky! Live in a border state? Some of the folks representing areas you may live, shop in, or visit may be on the ballot — potentially making major decisions that impact your daily life.)

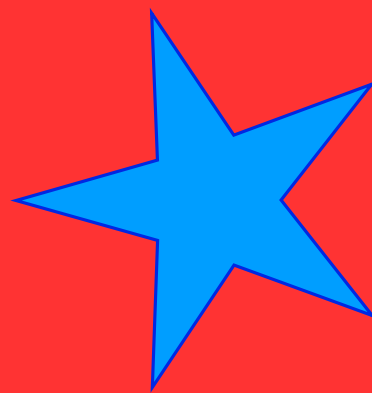


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For the last couple of years,

REPUBLICANS HAVE DOMINATED KENTUCKY'S LEGISLATURE



no more veto
pwease let
me pass

They're controlling enough seats to ensure anytime Democratic Gov. Andy Beshear vetoes one of their bills, they can easily override him.



OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, THE CURRENT SET OF LAWMAKERS HAS, IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER:

Blocked gender-affirming healthcare for trans youth.



Criminalized homelessness by stiffening policies on "unlawful camping".

Targeted racial equity & inclusion efforts in schools. (is this the 1920s?).

Gave teachers the choice to ignore students' pronouns.

Repeatedly tried to crack down on drag shows and performers.

Ignored voters' wishes on reproductive healthcare issues.

**INDIANA, MISSOURI, AND
WEST VIRGINIA FRIENDS**



**YOU HAVE A
GOVERNOR'S RACE
TO CARE ABOUT!**



Governors are like the boss of your state,
head CEO, the top dog on the playground.
They're implementing laws and making big
moves that affect you **DIRECTLY!**

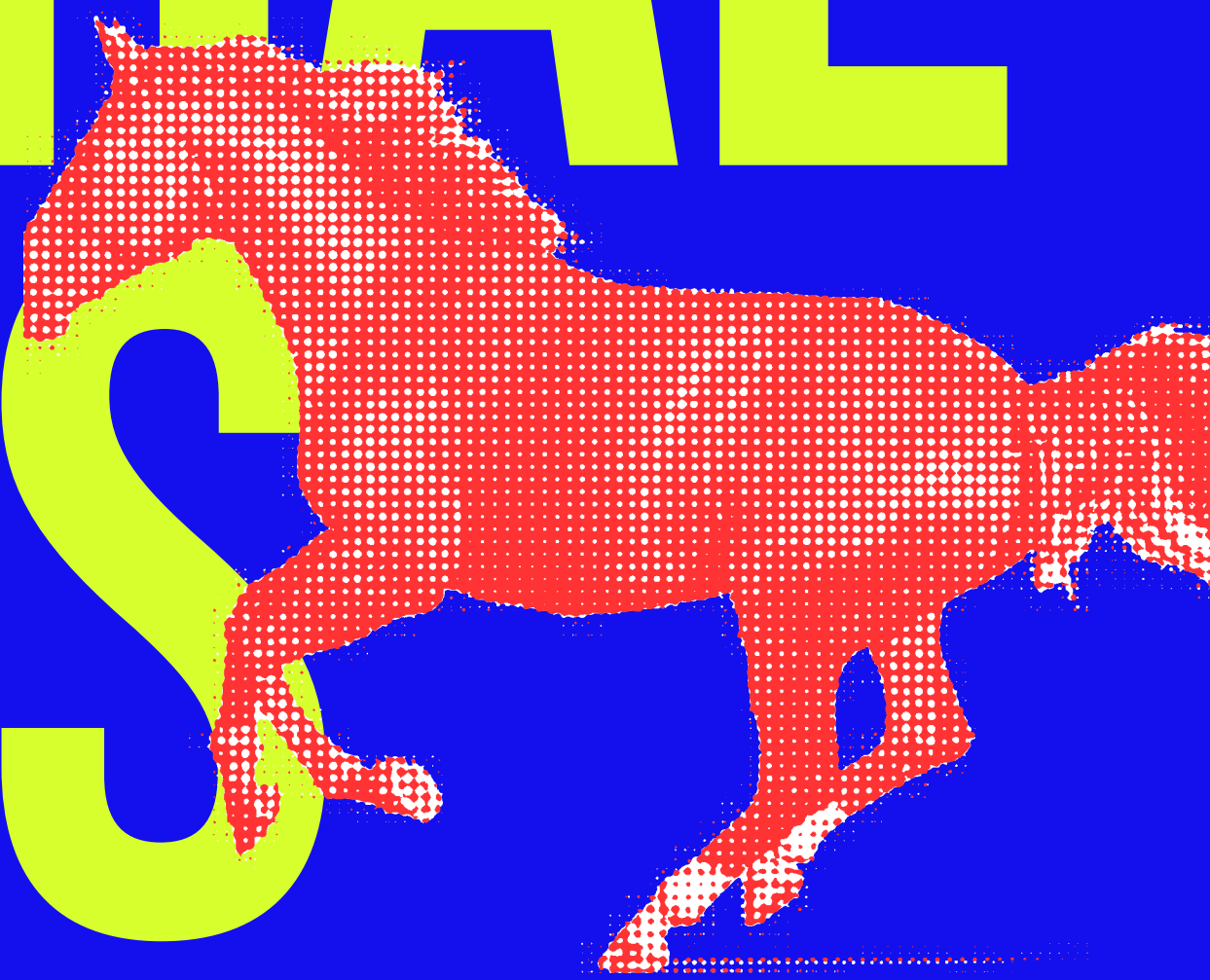


JUST IN CASE YOU WEREN'T AWARE, THIS YEAR

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WE'LL BE ELECTING A PRESIDENT!

FEDERAL RACES



In the Democrats corner we have
Vice President Kamala Harris
running with
Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz

In the Republican corner we have
former President Donald Trump
running with
Ohio Sen. JD Vance

Depending on where you live, there may be some

THIRD PARTY CANDIDATES

running for President on your ballot.



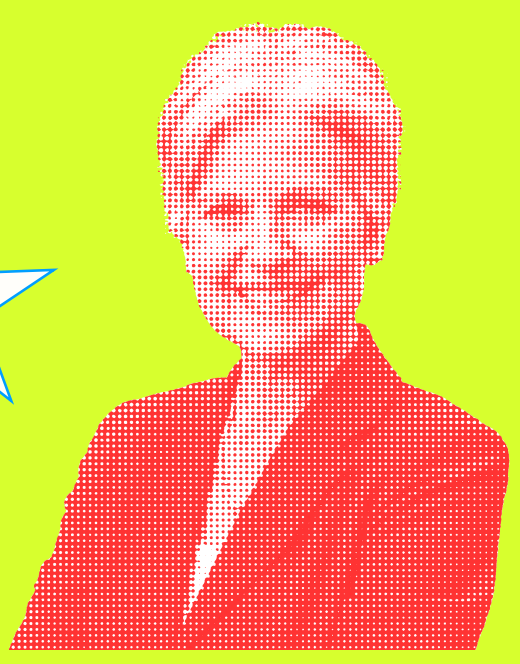
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Libertarian Party



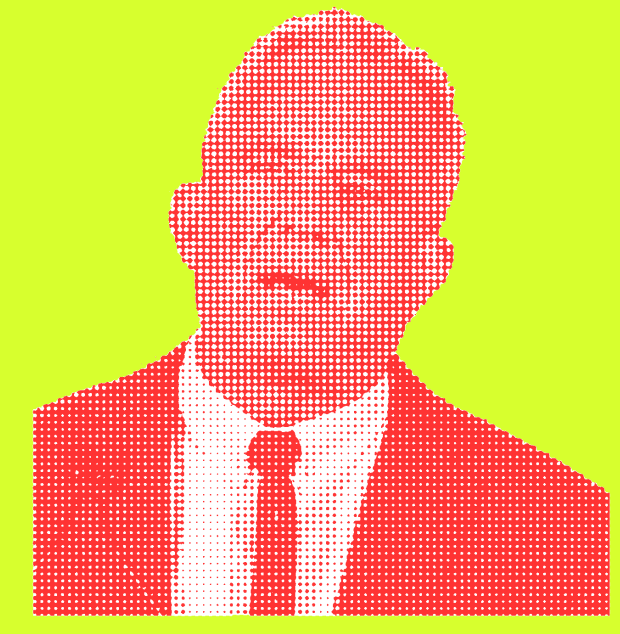
CLAUDIA DE LA CRUZ

Socialism and Liberation Party



JILL STEIN

Green/Kentucky Party



THAT RFK JR. GUY

Independent, but he lowkey dropped out and supports Trump?



The next president will likely nominate high-profile federal judicial candidates, including those to the U.S. Supreme Court.

THE NEXT PRESIDENT HAS A HUGE IMPACT ON THE FEDERAL COURTS : (

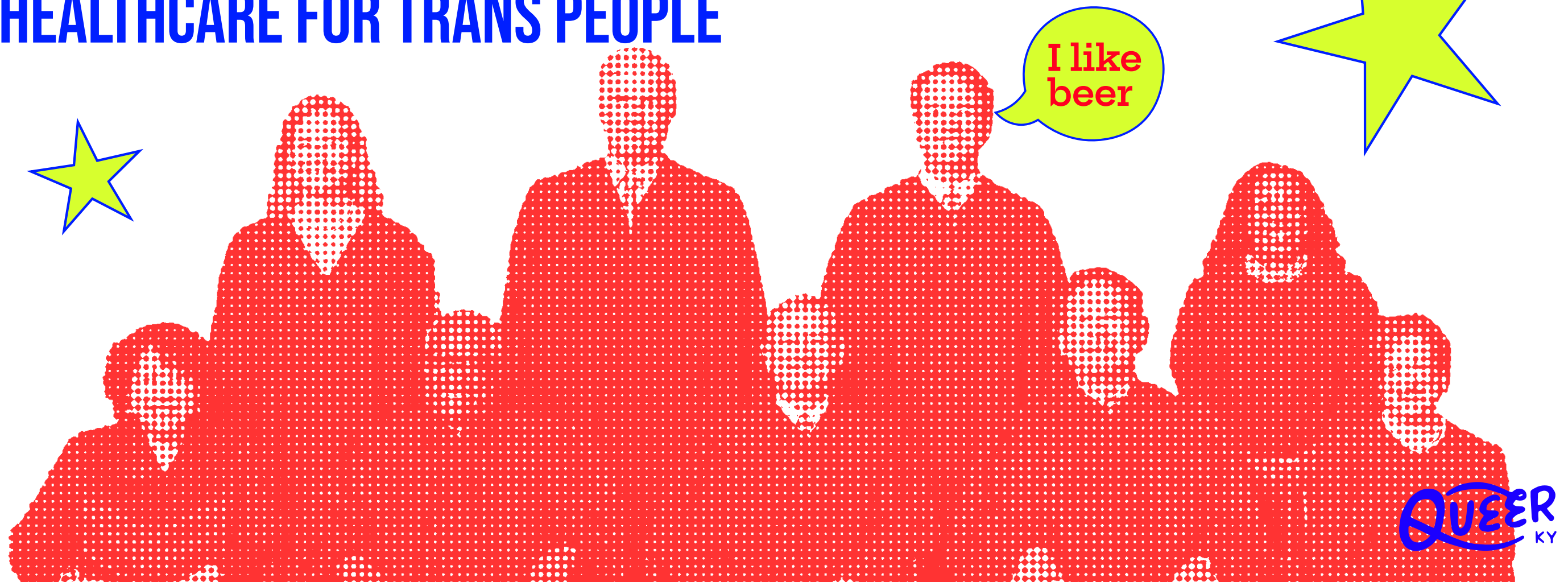
ABORTION ACCESS

BIRTH CONTROL ACCESS

HEALTHCARE FOR TRANS PEOPLE

LGBTQ+ DISCRIMINATION

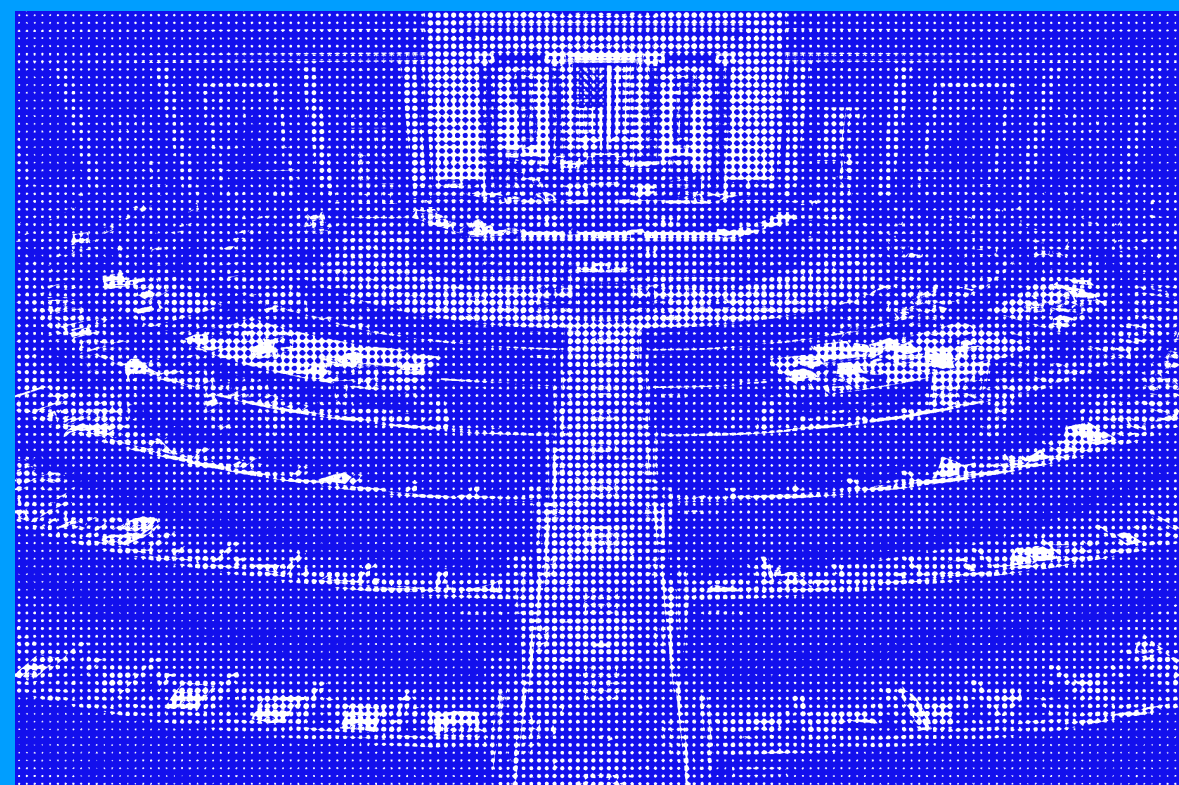
THE FUTURE OF LGBTQ+ MARRIAGE



ALONG WITH SEVERAL OF
THE U.S. SENATE SEATS,

ALL 435
HOUSE SEATS

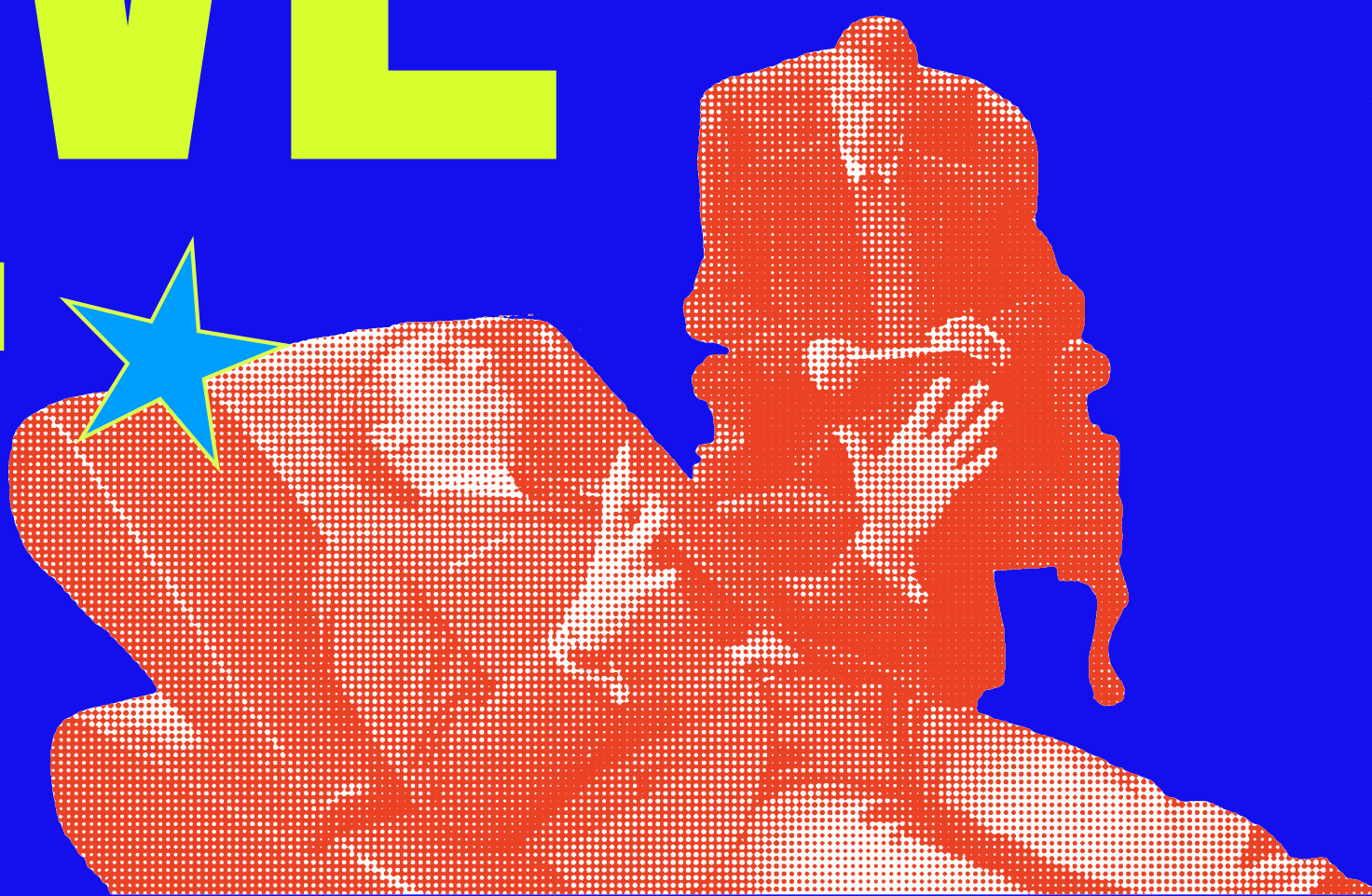
ARE UP FOR
GRABS



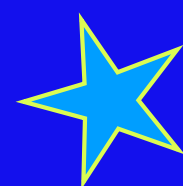
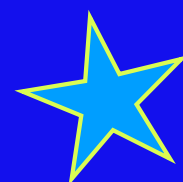
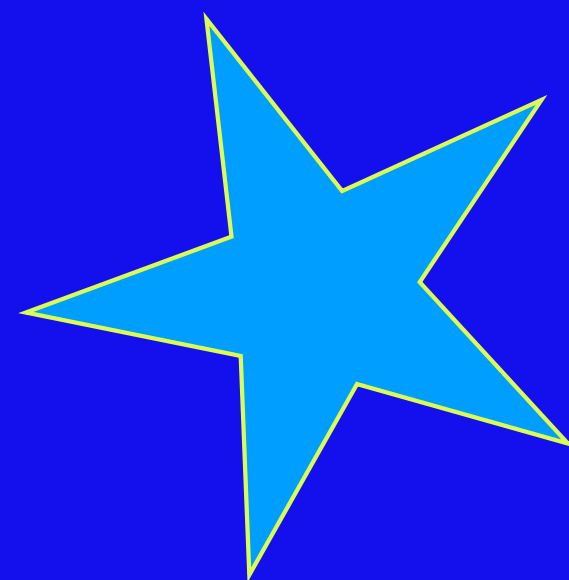
Kentucky doesn't
have a Senate race
this year, but six of
the seven states that
surround us do!

WE'VE

GOT



ISSUES



SHOULD PUBLIC DOLLARS BE
ALLOWED TO GO TO SCHOOLS
OUTSIDE OF THE TRADITIONAL
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM?

This would open the
opportunity for charter
schools (which technically
are public schools) and
private schools (including
religious ones) to receive
your tax dollars!

SCHOOL CHOICE

KENTUCKY'S
COURTS
PREVIOUSLY

DEEMED IT
UNCONSTITUTIONAL
FOR PUBLIC TAX DOLLARS TO
GO TO NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS.



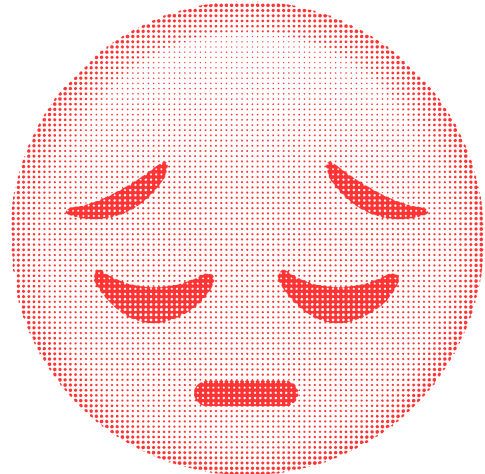
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WHEN YOUR FIRST 2,024 PROJECTS
FAIL, YOU GET UP AND TRY AGAIN

PROJECT 2025*

* A 900-page proposal about
the ideal world if
conservatives regain
presidential power as told
by a bunch of old men who
think the clit is a myth.

AIMS TO STRIP AWAY RIGHTS
AND PROTECTIONS FROM
LGBTQ+ FOLKS.



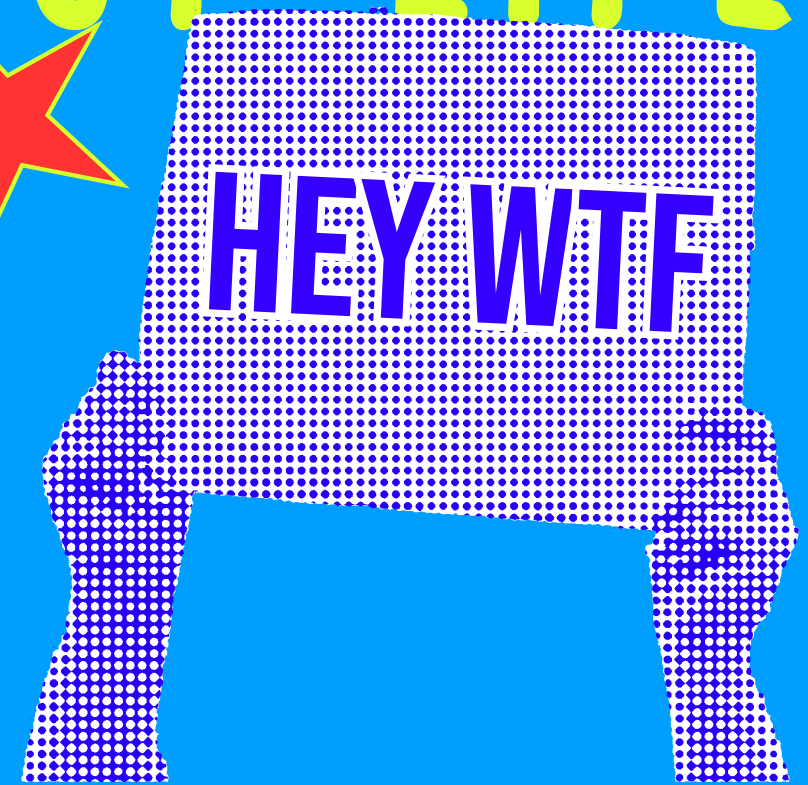
PROJECT 2025*

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
WOULD BE RENAMED TO:

"DEPARTMENT OF LIFE"

ANYTHING CONSIDERED
"FAMILY" WOULD NOW
DEFINITELY ONLY MEAN

A MAN, A WOMAN AND CHILDREN



Being trans would just
like ... not be recognized
by the government.

Adoption and foster
care groups would be
clear to refuse to work
with LGBTQ+ families
and couples.



Project 2025 would say bye
to federal funding for any
type of gender-affirming
care (both minors and
adults), and would also
support studies focused on
the negative impacts of
gender-affirming care.

PROJECT 2025*

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS ARE IN DANGER, ONCE AGAIN. ★

Under Project 2025,
abortion would no longer
be considered health care.

A longstanding medical
guideline requiring hospitals
to provide abortions in cases
of emergency may be
rescinded.

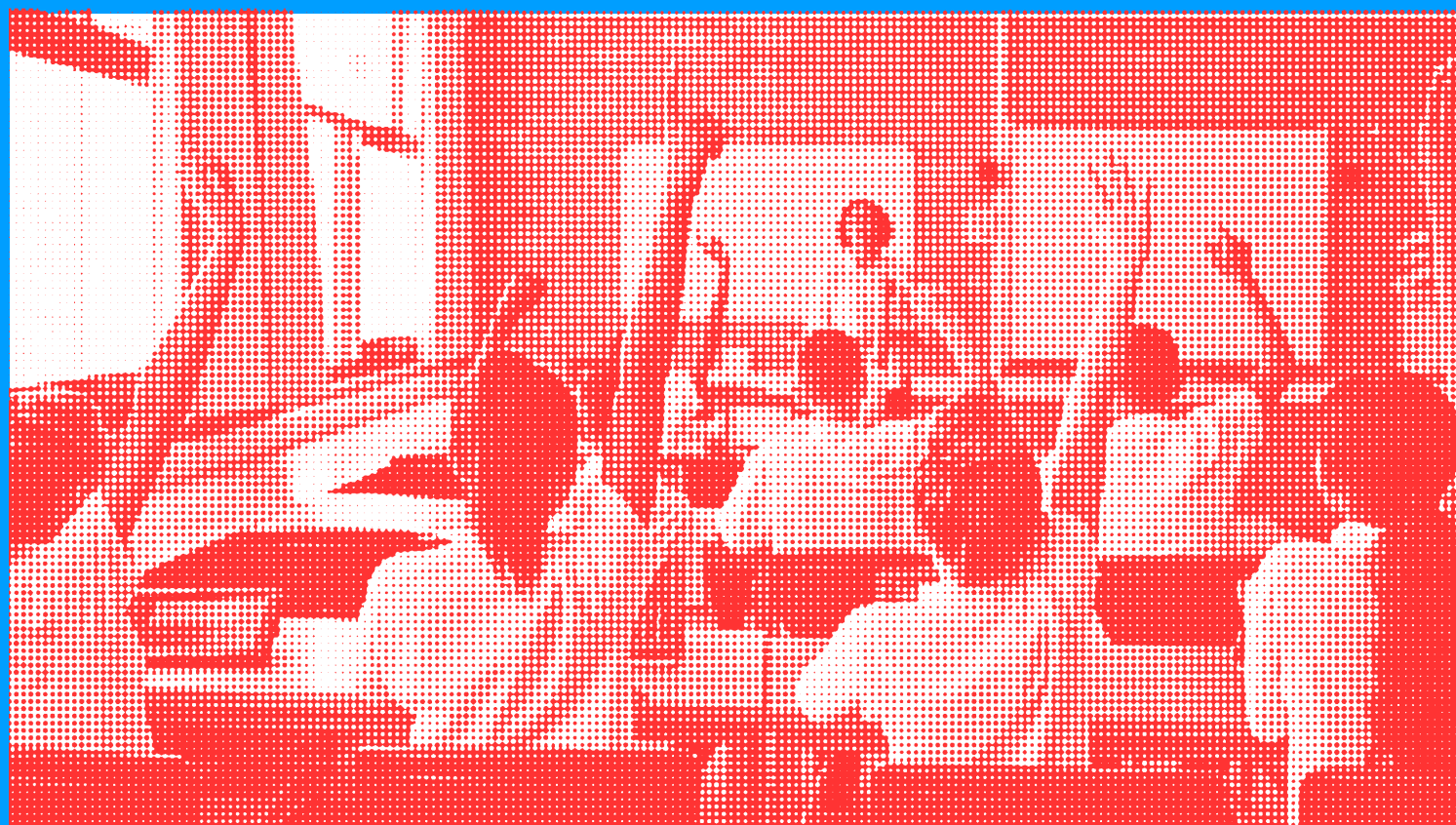
There are also some ideas
of restricting access to
abortion medication. ★

Now that abortion is no longer
a federal issue, it's important
to check your local ballots for
candidates that support your
beliefs.



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EDUCATION HAS BEEN A HUGE POLITICAL TALKING POINT FOR YEARS



ESPECIALLY WHEN IT
COMES TO HOW
SCHOOLS HANDLE
TOPICS OF RACE AND
LGBTQ+ ISSUES &
STUDENTS.

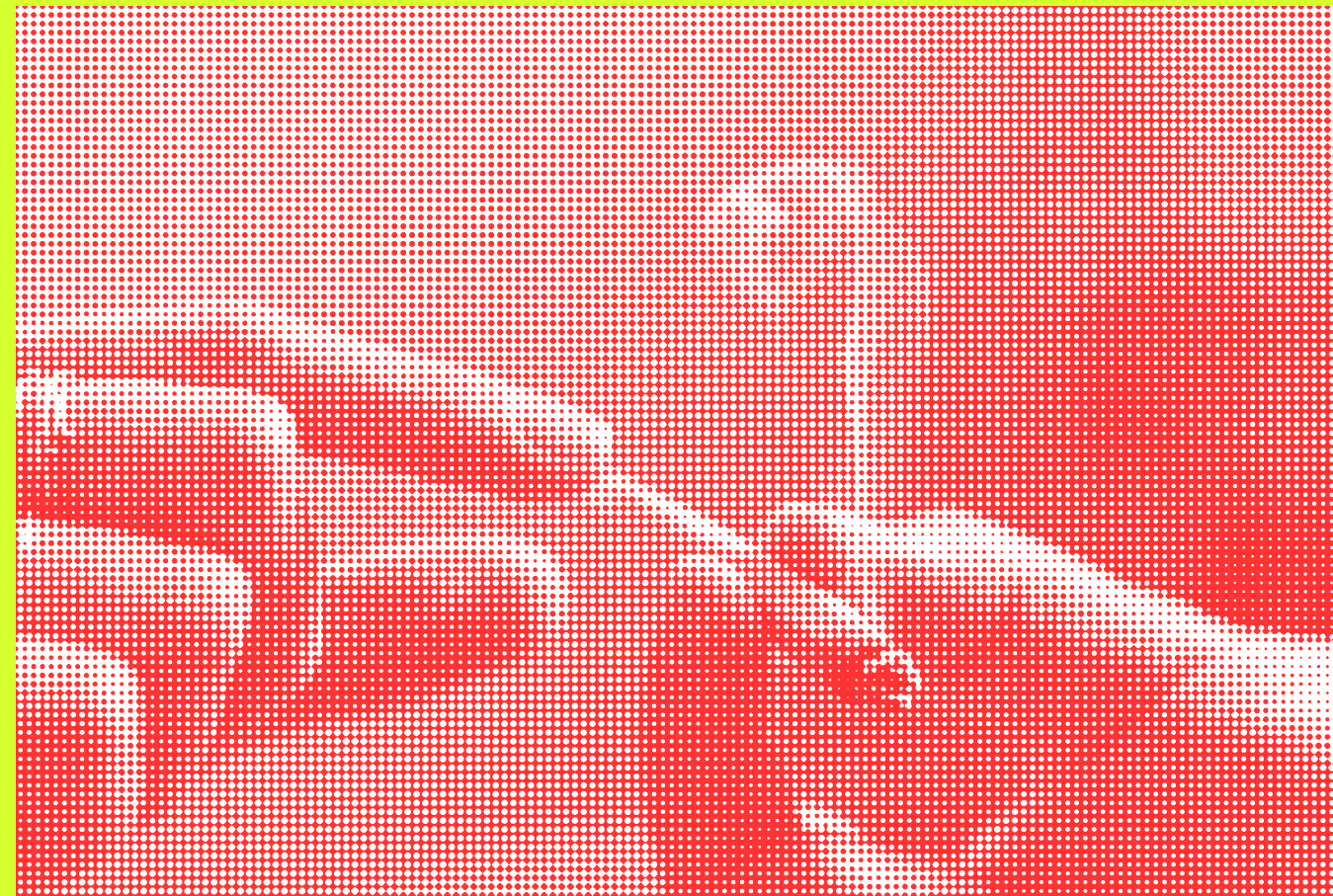
That's not changing heading into election season,
with some political candidates leaning heavily into
“culture wars” issues in the world of education.

**MEDICAL MARIJUANA OFFICIALLY BECOMES LEGAL
IN KENTUCKY IN 2025, THAT'S ALREADY DECIDED.**

CANNABIS

**BUT: Voters may get the
choice of whether or not
medical marijuana
businesses can operate
in their area.**

**Some folks might actually
have both a city AND a
county vote on medical
marijuana on their ballots.**



**[DW: THEY CAN'T BLOCK QUALIFIED FOLKS FROM
POSSESSING AND USING MEDICAL MARIJUANA!]**

BUT DON'T TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT
**DO YOUR OWN
RESEARCH**

GOOGLE EVERYTHING.
TAKE NOTES.

I'm Feeling Lucky

RELY ON OFFICIAL SOURCES.

SHOW UP AND LISTEN.
USE THAT MOCK BALLOT!

VOTE **411** .org

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SNAP AND CLAP DOWN TO THE POLLS
RAISE YOUR HANDS AND CAST YOUR VOTE

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