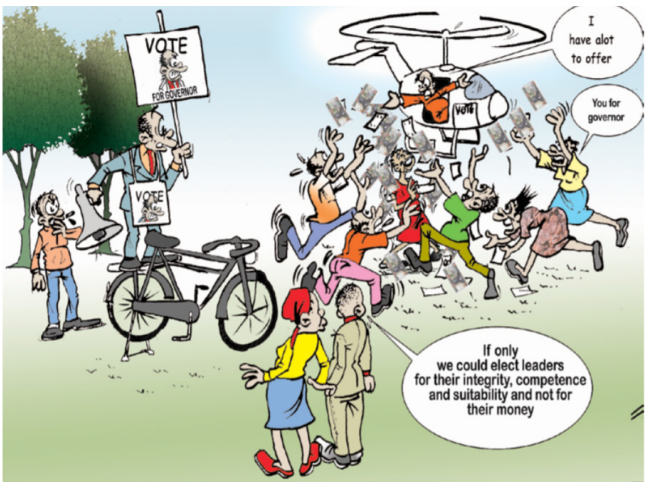


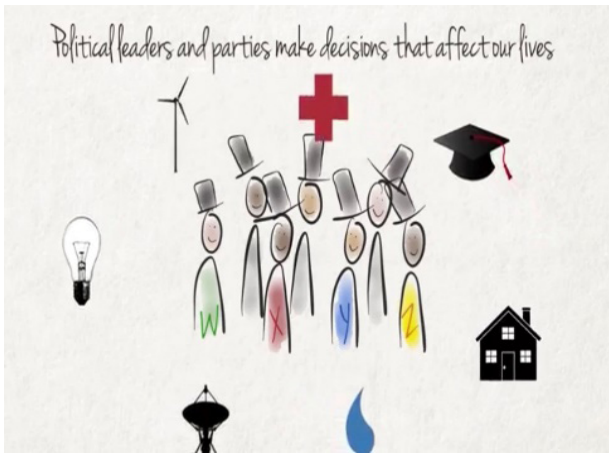
FREE & FAIR ELECTION



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1. What is an election?

It is a process by which citizens choose leaders to represent them at national and county levels by way of a secret ballot to for fixed period of time.



2. Who is a voter?

Someone who casts his/her vote or has a legal right to vote

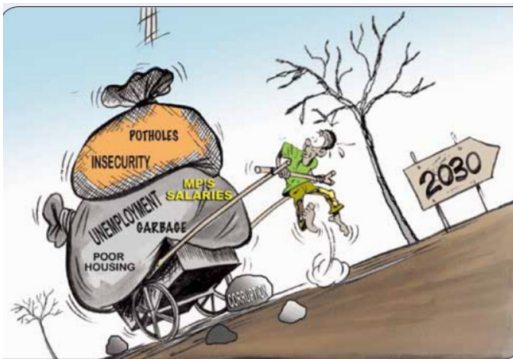
3. How do I become a voter?

You can register to become a voter if you:

1. Are over 18
2. Are of sound mind
3. Are a citizen of Kenya
4. Have not been convicted of an election offence in the last five years

4. Why should I register as a voter?

You should register as voters so that you are able to exercise your civic duty to choose your leader of choice and influence the future of Kenya.



5. **How many times can I vote in one election?**

You can only vote once in an election. After casting your vote, your finger is marked to prevent you from voting more than once.

6. **What are the principles governing elections in Kenya?**

- All adult citizens have the right to vote
- Not more than 2/3 of elected leaders shall be of the same gender
- Fair representation of persons with disabilities
- Free and fair elections which are:
 - By secret ballot;
 - Free from violence, intimidation, improper influence or corruption
 - Conducted by an independent body
 - Transparent; and
 - Administered in an impartial, neutral, efficient, accurate and accountable manner

7. **Who is an independent candidate?**

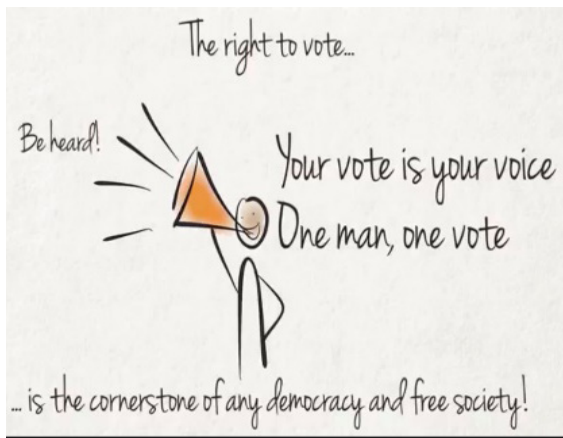
An independent candidate is somebody who runs for election but does not belong to any political party. Anyone who wants to run as an independent candidate must:

- not be a member of a political party.
- not have been a member of a political party for at least three months immediately before the date of the election.

8. **Anyone who wants to run for an elective post in Kenya must:**

- a. be a citizen of Kenya
- b. be a registered voter
- c. be nominated by a political party or run as an independent candidate
- d. be nominated by a certain number of registered voters as follows:
 - for president - at least 2000 in each of a majority of the counties
 - for MP – at least 1000 in the constituency concerned

- for senator – at least 2000 in the county concerned
 - for MCA – at least 500 in the ward concerned
- e. education qualifications:
- certificate, diploma, or other post-secondary school qualification
 - for president or governor, must have a degree from a university recognized in Kenya



9. What are some of the common electoral offences?



- Voter bribery
- Voter intimidation
- Rigging
- Multiple registration as a voter
- Impersonation
- Use of force or violence during elections
- Use of undue influence to interfere with voting patterns

10. **What can cause a person to be disqualified from running for an elective position in Kenya?**

A person can be disqualified to run for an elective position in Kenya if he/she:

- is of unsound mind
- is not a registered voter
- does not satisfy the requirements of Chapter six of the constitution on Leadership and integrity
- does not meet set moral, educational and ethical standards
- is not nominated by a political party neither or is not running as an independent candidate
- is an undischarged bankrupt
- is sentenced to a jail term of more than 6 months at the time of registration as a candidate or election
- has not been a citizen of Kenya for a prescribed period of time preceding the elections
- is a state officer other than an MP

11. What do I do if I am not satisfied with the results of an election?



Election losers at various levels can challenge election results by filing election petitions at the court for hearing and determination by an impartial judicial officer or officers.



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