1. Because of “Motor Voter” legislation and other innovations, it is relatively easy for most Americans to register to vote.

2. At the federal, state, and local levels, there are many elections in the United States. An American who voted in all the elections for which he or she was eligible would do a lot of voting.

3. Elections take place on a Tuesday – a work day – which makes it difficult for people to find the time to go and vote.

4. It can be difficult for voters to find reliable information about candidates and issues—especially local candidates and state or local issues addressed in referenda.

5. Each state elects two United States Senators.

6. Few elections in the United States are ever decided by one or two votes.

7. There are two kinds of elections—primary and general.

8. The 26th Amendment to the Constitution made 18 the legal voting age.

9. There is no fine or penalty for NOT voting.