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Voting - Vocab Cards

ballot]>

the paper on which a vote is marked.

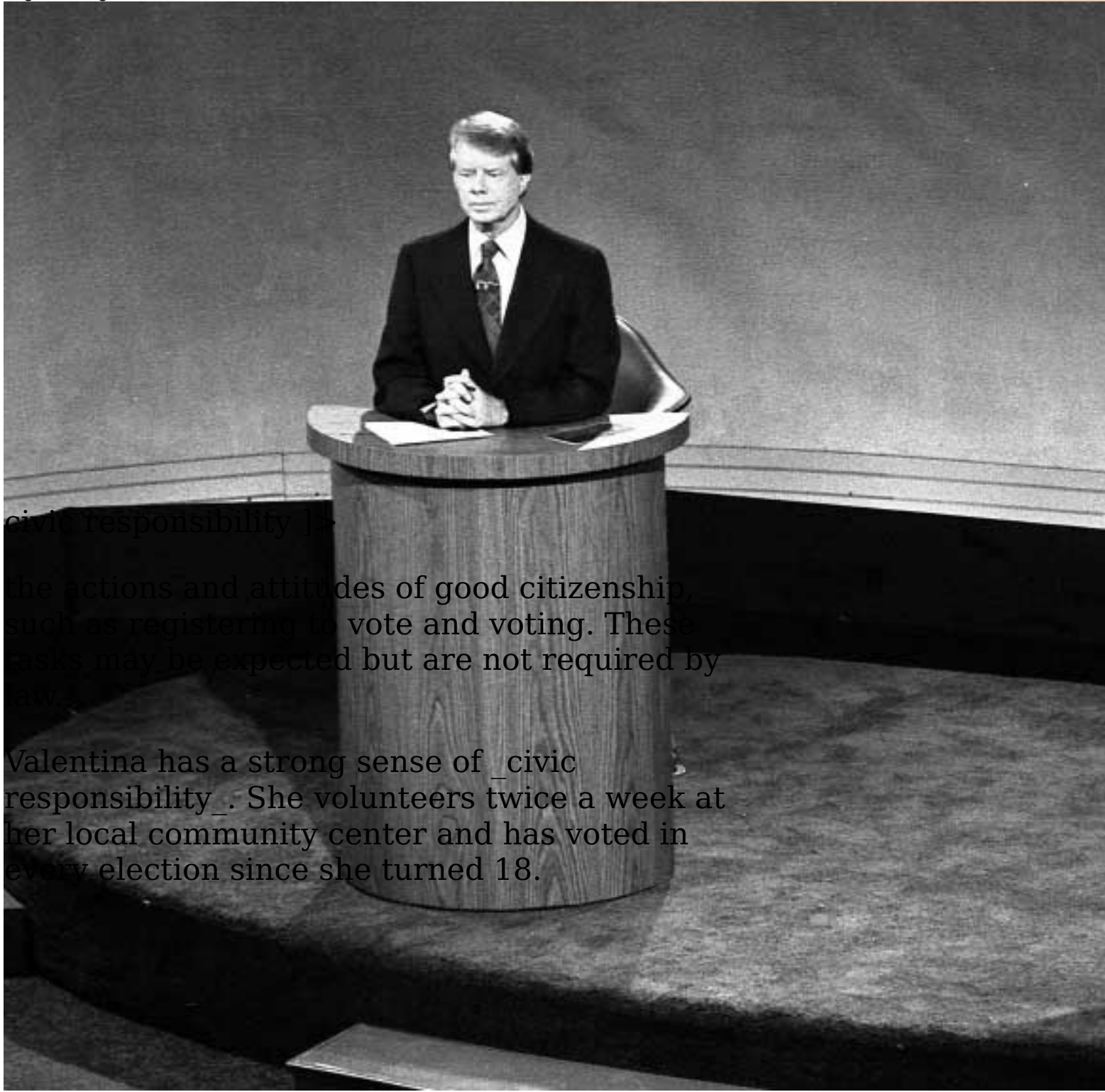
I went to my polling place to cast my _ballot_ in our local election this morning.

candidate]>

a person who is being considered for an elected office, job, or award.

My friend's mother is a _candidate_ for governor in the upcoming election. I think she'd do a great job, and I hope she wins!

Synonyms: nominee, contender



civic responsibility]

the actions and attitudes of good citizenship, such as registering to vote and voting. These tasks may be expected but are not required by law.

Valentina has a strong sense of _civic responsibility_. She volunteers twice a week at her local community center and has voted in every election since she turned 18.

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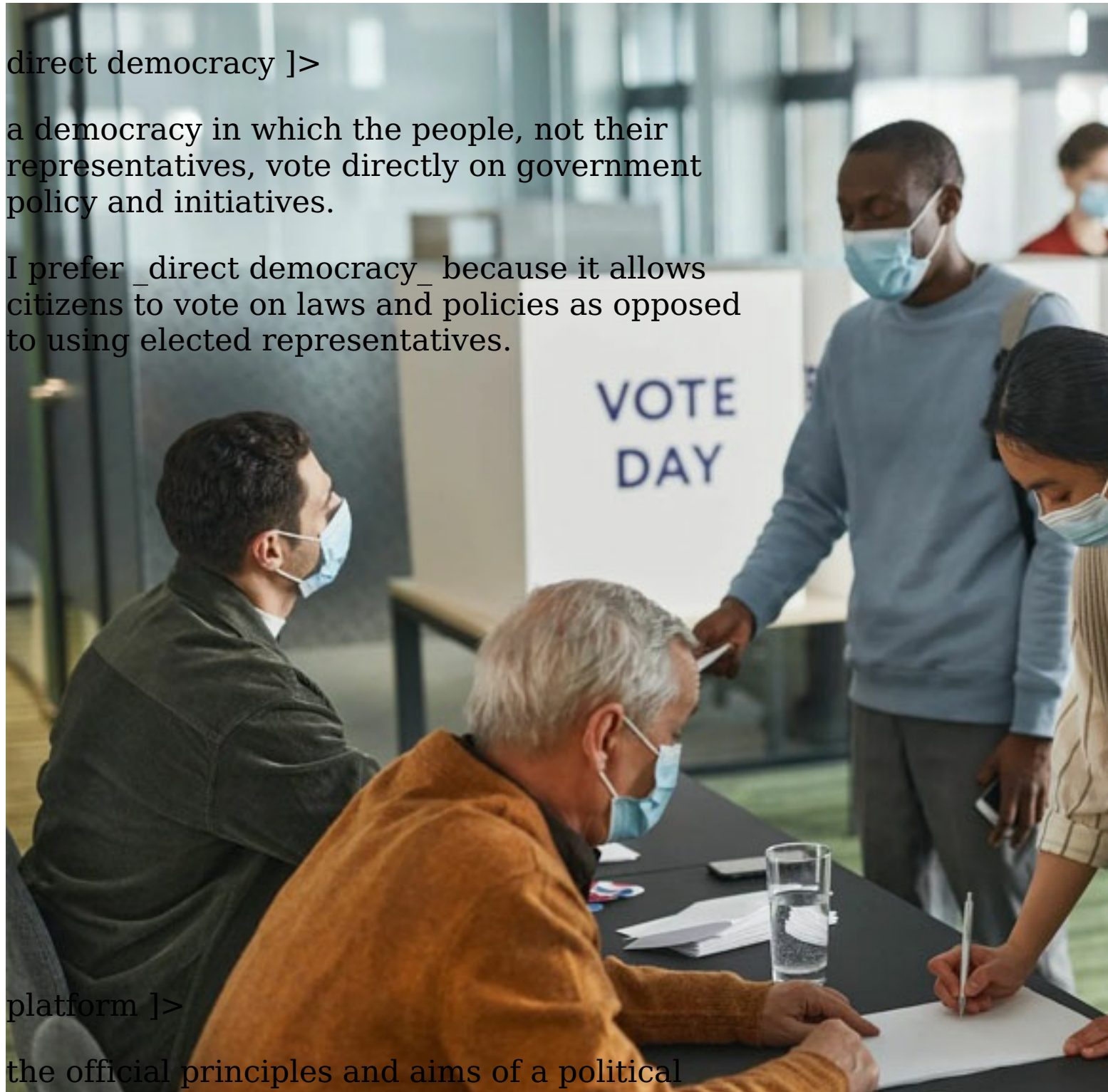
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direct democracy]>

a democracy in which the people, not their representatives, vote directly on government policy and initiatives.

I prefer direct democracy because it allows citizens to vote on laws and policies as opposed to using elected representatives.

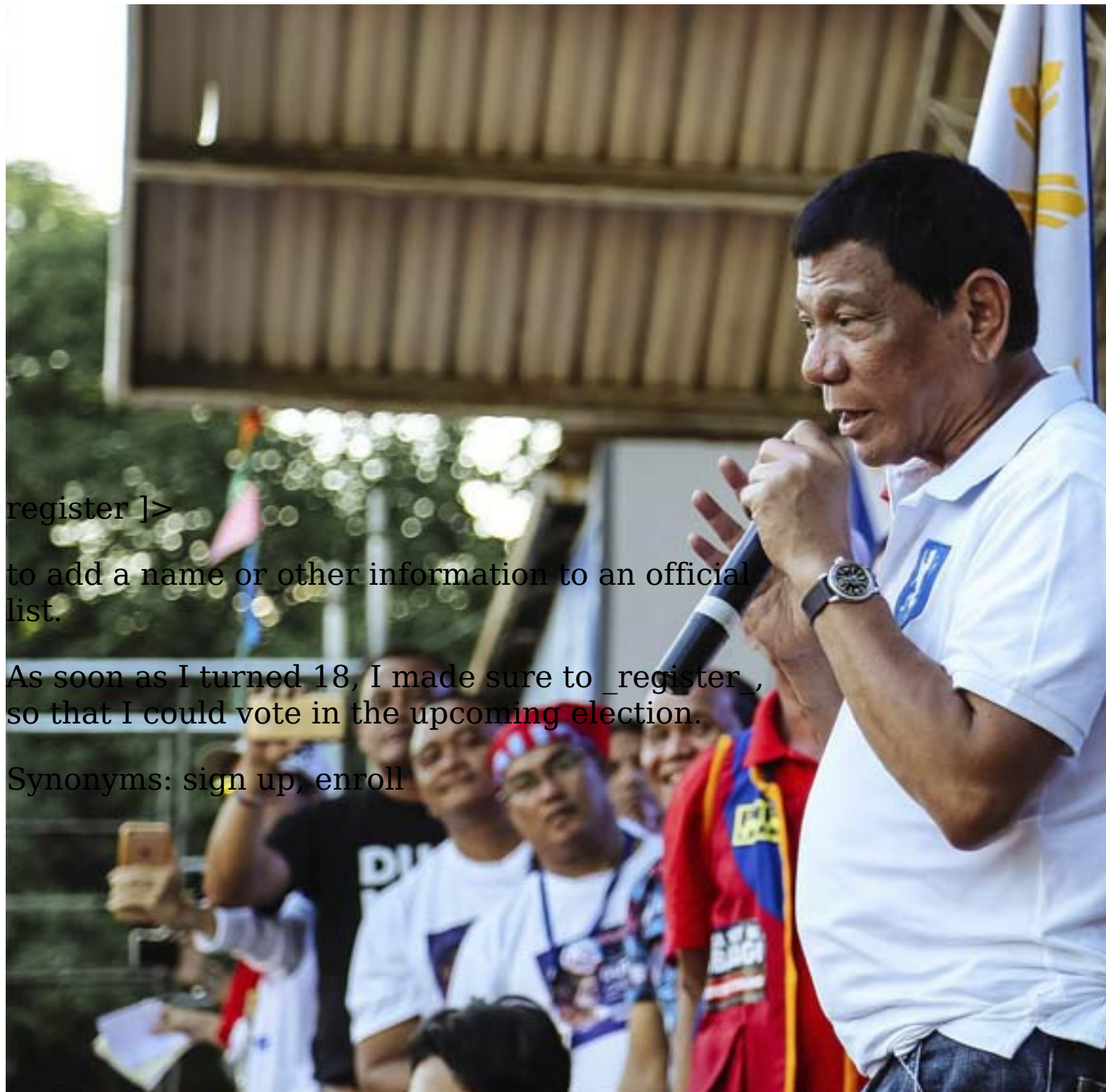


platform]>

the official principles and aims of a political party or candidate for office.

Use this word in a sentence or give an example to show you I'm not sure who to vote for. I still need to read and understand its meaning.
each candidate's platform so that I know where they stand on the issues I care most about.
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Synonyms: plan, policy, program



register]>

to add a name or other information to an official list.

As soon as I turned 18, I made sure to _register_, so that I could vote in the upcoming election.

Synonyms: sign up, enroll

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representative democracy]>

a democracy in which elected or appointed representatives, not the people, vote on government policy and initiatives.

Since I live in a country with a representative democracy, I support politicians who share my beliefs and hope they will govern in accordance with my values.

right]>

something a person is allowed or should be allowed to have or do.

The right to free speech gives US citizens the ability to express their beliefs and opinions.
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Synonyms: power, privilege, freedom
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suffrage]>

the right to vote in political elections.

My great-grandmother marched for a woman's right to vote as part of the women's _suffrage_ movement.

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turnout]>

the number of people who participate in or show up to a particular event, like an election or sporting event.

The turnout at the play was better than expected. Over 200 people showed up.



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