

This document contains voter and poll worker educational material for over-votes and double-votes.

The format, illustration style, and language are based on the materials in the double-vote consent decree. Information about over-voting is based on the error messages in the parties' settlement.

This document includes (1) material for voters and (2) materials for poll workers. There are three versions of each of these sets of materials – they differ solely with respect to the illustrations because different ballot layouts are in use (the first provides the display for New York City; the second is for other DS200 jurisdictions; the third is for the row-based layout used for most other counties). The language in each set of materials is the same, except for the graphical depictions.

1. Materials for Voters

This voter handout will be available at the polling place and in the privacy booths.

The three versions that follow are:

NYC version

Other DS200 version

Horizontal version

Make sure your vote counts

Look for the number of candidates you can vote for in each contest.

Check the number of ovals you have filled in

If you fill in ovals for too many candidates in one contest, the scanner will display a message that you have an “Over Voted Contests.” You can press “Correct Your Ballot” to get your ballot back and correct it, or you can ignore the message and cast your ballot with votes that will not count.

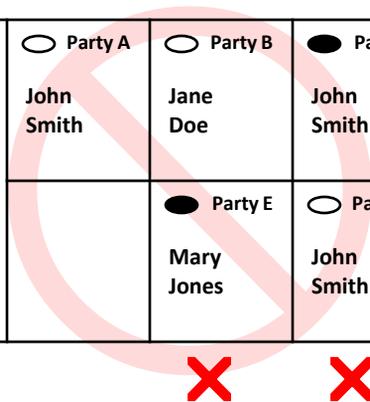
Check your ballot carefully – in some contests, the candidates are listed in two rows.

United States Senator	<input type="radio"/> Party A John Smith	<input type="radio"/> Party B Jane Doe	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Party C John Smith
Senador del los Estados Unidos		<input type="radio"/> Party E Mary Jones	<input type="radio"/> Party D John Smith



Correct number of ovals filled in.
This vote will count for John Smith

United States Senator	<input type="radio"/> Party A John Smith	<input type="radio"/> Party B Jane Doe	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Party C John Smith
Senador del los Estados Unidos		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Party E Mary Jones	<input type="radio"/> Party D John Smith



Too many ovals filled in.
These votes will not count

Do not vote more than once for the same candidate

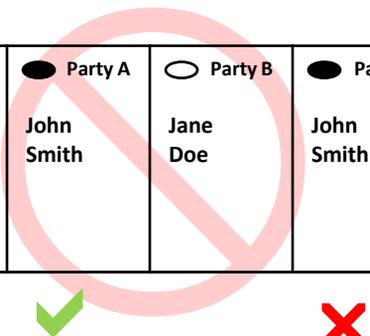
In some contests, a candidate may be listed under more than one party. If you fill in more than one oval for a candidate in a contest, your vote will count for that candidate, but only under the party you selected listed first on the ballot.

United States Senator	<input type="radio"/> Party A John Smith	<input type="radio"/> Party B Jane Doe	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Party C John Smith
Senador del los Estados Unidos			



Correct number of ovals filled in.
This vote will count for John Smith under Party C

United States Senator	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Party A John Smith	<input type="radio"/> Party B Jane Doe	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Party C John Smith
Senador del los Estados Unidos			



Too many ovals filled in.
Your vote will count for John Smith under Party A, not under Party C.

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United States Senator		
Vote for one		
Party A A ❖	Party A John Smith	<input type="radio"/>
Party B B ☀	Party B Jane Doe	<input type="radio"/>
Party C C ⌘	Party C John Smith	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
	Party E Mary Jones	<input type="radio"/>



Correct number of ovals filled in.
This vote will count for John Smith

United States Senator		
Vote for one		
Party A A ❖	Party A John Smith	<input type="radio"/>
Party B B ☀	Party B Jane Doe	<input type="radio"/>
Party C C ⌘	Party C John Smith	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
	Party E Mary Jones	<input checked="" type="radio"/>



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United States Senator	
Vote for one	
Party A A ❖	Party A John Smith
Party B B ☀	Party B Jane Doe
Party C C ⌘	Party C John Smith



Correct number of ovals filled in.
This vote will count for John Smith under Party C

United States Senator	
Vote for one	
Party A A ❖	Party A John Smith
Party B B ☀	Party B Jane Doe
Party C C ⌘	Party C John Smith



Too many ovals filled in.
Your vote will count for John Smith under Party A, not under Party C.

Make sure your vote counts

Look for the number of ovals to fill in for each contest.

Check the number of ovals you have filled in

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Vote for one		
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Party C C ⌘	Party C John Smith	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
	Party E Mary Jones	<input type="radio"/>



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Vote for one		
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Party B B ☀	Party B Jane Doe	<input type="radio"/>
Party C C ⌘	Party C John Smith	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
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Party C C ⌘	Party C John Smith



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2. Materials for Poll Workers

This educational flyer is for poll workers at the polling place, to ensure that all voters receive consistent information.

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United States Senator	<input type="radio"/> Party A	<input type="radio"/> Party B	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Party C
Senador del los Estados Unidos	John Smith	Jane Doe	John Smith



Correct number of ovals filled in.

This vote will count for John Smith under Party C.

United States Senator	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Party A	<input type="radio"/> Party B	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Party C
Senador del los Estados Unidos	John Smith	Jane Doe	John Smith



Double Vote

Too many ovals filled in.

This vote will count for John Smith under Party A, not under Party C.

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Party C C ⌘	Party C John Smith

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This vote will count for John Smith under Party A.

United States Senator	
Vote for one	
Party A A ❖	Party A John Smith
Party B B ⚙	Party B Jane Doe
Party C C ⌘	Party C John Smith

Double Vote
Too many ovals filled in.
This vote will count for John Smith under Party A, not under Party C.

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Vote for one	
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Party C C ⌘	Party C John Smith

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This vote will count for John Smith under Party A.

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Vote for one	
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Party B B ⚙	Party B Jane Doe
Party C C ⌘	Party C John Smith

Double Vote
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Vote for one	
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Party B B ⚙	Party B Jane Doe
Party C C ⌘	Party C John Smith

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