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**“How a society treats it’s disabled is the true measure of a civilization.”**

– Chen Guangcheng, Chinese human rights activist

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## Disability: No Voice, No Rights



Recently in the news about conditions in eastern Ukraine, the BBC reported on an orphanage where the only occupants appeared to be disabled children who were either confined in oversized cribs or tied to chairs.

The reporter stated most other children had been taken to safer areas in western Ukraine or Poland, Germany, or other eastern European countries. However, the disabled had been abandoned with only a few caregivers remaining behind (in peril) to care for them, virtually an impossible task.

The orphanage was revisited this past week by BBC news, bringing with them Eric Rosenthal, an official from Disability Rights International.

Mr. Rosenthal asked why these disabled individuals were left behind and barely cared for by a few dedicated individuals. This damning criticism was further underscored with statements from Mr. Rosenthal on how these were not actually abandoned children but adult men in their twenties so badly under nourished and so badly isolated, locked up, not allowing mind and body to develop for 20 years, that they only appeared to be young children.

The Soviet Union had left 20 years ago when many of these individuals were small children. The lack of proper care and nourishment did not just occur under the Soviet rule, but continued under the newly established Ukraine government, apparently changing little of the horrible abandonment legacy of the Soviets.

We need to acknowledge, understand, and act upon the basic fact just that these individuals, then children and now disabled adults, NEVER had the RIGHT TO VOTE or demand even the most minimum rights to food and shelter.

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One has to ask the question: "CAN IT HAPPEN HERE?"

If we ignore our responsibility to vote for the rights of ALL it can happen!

With a Supreme Court continuing to erode long established rights, and hinting at revisiting other long-standing rulings, the possibility of overturning protections such as, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Olmstead decision is very real. In fact, disability rights lawyers are advising against filing suits to affirm the rights established by these protections for fear that it might open an argument to do away with these laws.

We must vote for candidates who have a record of defending disability rights, civil rights, basic human rights.

This is a call to ACTION! The disabled community and activists alike must COME TOGETHER—all disabilities, all backgrounds—to ACT as a UNIFIED political voice.

Arm yourself with knowledge! Research your candidates' positions on disability rights issues. Check out <https://www.justfacts.votesmart.org/> to ensure you are voting for someone who is willing to fight for your rights!

### ***What can you do to protect your voting rights?***

- ***Double-check your voter-registration status***
- ***If you plan to vote by mail, request your ballot immediately***
- ***Make sure everyone in your household has a ride and a plan.***
- ***If you are asked to leave or see other problems, call the ACLU's election protection hotline (1-866-our-vote).***
- ***You can also sign the petition to pass the Voting rights Advancement Act, which restores protections to the voting rights Act stripped by a 2013 supreme court Decision.***
- ***Call or your state representatives and city councils and demand Accessible Ballots and let them know how voting suppression laws make it nearly impossible for those with disabilities to exercise their legal right to vote in person and in PRIVATE!***

#### **Accessible Voting Matters: Consider the person with a disability disenfranchised from the vote When you go to vote this election, ask yourself if you would make the effort if:**

Because of your disability, you can't drive so you do not have a driver's license to vote. You will need a state ID. You need an ID but the DMV will be closed when you can get transportation. You would take a bus, but the DMV is not on the bus route, and you cannot walk the distance. You would like to check if you are registered, but you have no access to a computer, smart phone or other device. You will need to do so at your municipality, but transportation is again a problem. Your state mailed absentee ballot request forms, but you moved lately so you were placed off the list. You received a request and do have an ID, but you do not have a printer or phone to copy your ID for your request. You have been voting absentee mail-in for several years now.

**If you are a person with a disability, START NOW contact your legislator about any obstacles to your vote!**

#### **Looking for conversation starters with your state and local mid-term election candidates?**

##### **Checkout:**

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/andrewpulang/2022/06/18/5-disability-issue-questions-to-ask-state-and-local-midterm-election-candidates/?sh=4c22799444fb>

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To sign up for volunteer opportunities, call (414) 299-0124 or e-mail [horizons@new-horizons.org](mailto:horizons@new-horizons.org)  
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### Advocacy Matters, and the Time is Now!

People with disabilities face unemployment, poverty, lack of access to information, health care, technology, education, and transportation and abuse, bias, violence and lack of understanding. Disability is part of the human experience; citizens deserve their rights.

Do not become complacent. Do not sit silently. True inclusion can only be achieved if we are all part of the conversation and help find the solution. If you are aware of a situation that is not just, speak up.

Only **YOU** can educate your legislator, tell your perspective with your community or share your knowledge for others with disabilities.

**Define the change you need or want, educate your legislator to make that change.**

### Voting Matters!

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