

eXile Guide to ABSENTEE VOTING

Attention U.S. citizens! The time has come to perform your civic duty by voting in the 2000 general election. For those of us living abroad that means completing an official absentee ballot, which—at latest—must be received by Friday, November 3 (actual deadline varies according to your home state). Choosing the lesser among assholes is never easy, so follow the E-Z instructions below to vote the right way, the patriotic way, the eXile way!

STRAIGHT PARTY VOTING: Check one of these boxes to vote for the same party in every race. By doing so, you admit that you are a worthless tit. In this case, why bother to complete an absentee ballot at all? You'd probably be better off taking a long, hot bath with a cold razor blade.

THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION: This is the big ticket, and probably the only reason you bothered writing in to get your absentee ballot in the first place. It's a damn shame the choices are so depressing, but that's their problem, not yours. And if you're really honest with yourself, you'll recognize that there's only one choice the sensible, vigilant citizen can make—Green Party candidate Ralph Nader. Yes, he's a bore, has no sense of humor, and probably hasn't been laid since Nixon was in the White House. He also happens to be right. The only other feasible choice, George W. Bush, loses a lot of his luster once you discount the comedic aspect. What's particularly important, this is a vote for evil, pure and simple. You may not think much of the possibility of eternal damnation right now, but you may be thinking a bit differently when you're on your death bed sucking down your last few breaths as you expire from lung cancer. Besides, do you really want to vote for Gore? As an extreme alternate choice, closeted homosexuals are permitted to vote for Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan.

COUNTY ELECTION BOARD SIGNATURE: This is one of the key elements that makes your absentee ballot valid. Ignore the serial number printed at lower left, which is easily faked. This particular ballot, which belongs to Krazy Kino Kevin, derives from Delaware County in the great state of Pennsylvania. The Philadelphia Eagles may be having an above-average season, but this is still a shithole of an armpit of America to come from, believe us. We here at the eXile sincerely hope that most of our U.S.-born readers hail from a more respectable corner of the world's most hideous democratic super-power.

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT COUNTY OF DELAWARE, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON THE 7th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2000 RIDLEY PARK BOROUGH 4th Precinct

A cross (X) or check (✓) mark in the square opposite the name of any candidate indicates a vote for that candidate. To Vote a straight party ticket, mark a cross (X) or check (✓) in the square, in the Party Column, opposite the name of the party of your choice. To vote for an individual candidate of another party after making a mark in the party square, mark a cross (X) or check (✓) opposite the name. For an office where more than one candidate is to be voted for, the voter, after marking in the party square, may divide his vote by marking a cross (X) or check (✓) to the right of each candidate for whom he or she desires to vote. For such office votes shall not be counted for candidates not individually marked. To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, write, print or paste their name in the blank space provided for that purpose. A cross (X) or check (✓) mark in the square opposite the names of the candidates of any party for President and Vice-President of the United States indicates a vote for all the candidates of that party for presidential elector. To vote for individual candidates for presidential elector, write print or paste their names in the blank spaces provided under the title "Presidential Electors". Mark ballot only in black lead pencil, indelible pencil or blue, black, or blue-black ink, in fountain pen or ball-point pen; use the same pencil or pen for all markings you place on the ballot.

PARTY COLUMN	
To Vote a Straight Party Ticket, Mark a Cross (X) or a Check Mark (✓) in This Column.	
REPUBLICAN	<input type="checkbox"/>
DEMOCRAT	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONSTITUTION	<input type="checkbox"/>
LIBERTARIAN	<input type="checkbox"/>
GREEN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
REFORM	<input type="checkbox"/>

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS (Vote for candidates of one Party for President and Vice President or insert names of candidates)	
For..... George W. Bush..... President Dick Cheney..... Vice President	Republican
For..... Al Gore..... President Joe Lieberman..... Vice President	Democrat
For..... Howard Phillips..... President J. Curtis Frazier..... Vice President	Constitution
For..... Harry Browne..... President Art Olivier..... Vice President	Libertarian
For..... Ralph Nader..... President Winona LaDuke..... Vice President	Green
For..... Patrick J. Buchanan..... President Ezola Foster..... Vice President	Reform

UNITED STATES SENATOR (Vote for One)	
Rick Santorum.....	Republican
Ron Klink.....	Democrat
Lester B. Searer.....	Constitution
John J. Featherman.....	Libertarian
Robert E. Domske.....	Reform

SENATOR IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 9th District (Vote for One)	
Clarence D. Bell.....	Republican
<i>Ilya Shangin Hairy</i> ✓	

REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 161st District (Vote for One)	
Tom Gannon.....	Republican
Barton B. Smith.....	Libertarian
<i>Ilya Shangin Hairy</i> ✓	

UNITED STATES SENATOR: In theory, this is where your voice is really heard on a national level. In reality, you're just selecting one asshole over another to get a membership at an exclusive DC-area country club. Ignore the Republicans and Democrats and go for the Libertarian. He's an asshole too, to be sure, but at least maybe he'll take some steps to legalize drugs.

ATTORNEY GENERAL, AUDITOR GENERAL, STATE TREASURER: Chances are you don't even know what these positions are for. If you're a former D&D fan, bust out your 6-sided die and make your choice. Otherwise, you're on your own. In this case, it's good to remember that voting for a chick is always good karma.

UNITED STATES CONGRESS: This is perhaps the one vote of national significance where your voice really does count. More likely than not, however, you'll be dealing with a 30-year incumbent who doesn't even bother campaigning. In this particular case, Curt Weldon is at least relatively respectable, so you can vote for him without too much shame.

ATTORNEY GENERAL (Vote for One)	
Mike Fisher.....	Republican
Jim Eisenhower.....	Democrat
James N. Clymer.....	Constitution
Julian P. Heicklen.....	Libertarian
Thomas Alan Linzey.....	Green

AUDITOR GENERAL (Vote for One)	
Katie True.....	Republican
Bob Casey Jr.....	Democrat
John H. Rhine.....	Constitution
Jessica A. Morris.....	Libertarian
Anne E.B. Cooke.....	Green
James R. Blair.....	Reform

STATE TREASURER (Vote for One)	
Barbara Hafer.....	Republican
Catherine Baker Knott.....	Democrat
John P. McDermott.....	Constitution
John D. Famularo.....	Libertarian
Barbara S. Knox.....	Green
Joseph F. Patterson.....	Reform

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 7th District (Vote for One)	
Curt Weldon.....	Republican
Peter A. Lennon.....	Democrat

STATE SENATOR, REPRESENTATIVE: If you come from a single-party, suburban backwater like Krazy Kevin does, then you may be facing uncontested (or nearly so) races such as these. In this case, the ONLY RIGHT AND PROPER THING TO DO is to write our own art designer Ilya Shangin, who is running for every known elected office in the country under the fringe "Hairy Party." Frankly, this is your only chance of seeing any kind of true democracy done.

WARNING! If you are able to vote in person on election day, then you owe it to yourself, to us here at the eXile, and to the retired volunteers who man the polling station to go under the influence of some very twisted psychedelic drugs. Nothing else will enable to deal with the hideous reality that the democratic process is at best a sham, or at worst an evil conspiracy in which you are playing a nearly meaningless part.

WARNING - If you are able to vote in person on election day, you MUST go to your polling place, void your absentee ballot and vote there.

