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## Civil rights leaders to call Trump's poll plan a threat and danger

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## Trump's Call for Poll Watchers Presents a Clear and Present Danger

*Civil Rights Group Leader and Experts to Comment on Danger of Poll Watchers Mobilization*

**(Washington, D.C.)** – [The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law](#) will host a tele-press conference with experts to discuss the dangerous implications of President Trump's recent comment on voter intimidation strategies.

During Tuesday night's Presidential Debate, President Trump urged people to "go into the polls and watch very carefully." This call to his supporters is a clear voter intimidation strategy.

[The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law](#) has handled cases involving voter intimidation, handled situations involving aggressive poll watchers, and more. The organization also has recruited a network of more than 20,000 lawyers to counter efforts to suppress the vote. The organization will discuss the president's call to monitor polls, outline strategies to counter voter intimidation efforts and discuss the laws that prohibit activity intended to intimidate voters. Finally, the organization will also address concerns about rising levels of white supremacy and its interaction with calls for poll watchers.

**WHO:** [Kristen Clarke](#), president and executive director of [the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law](#)

Kenneth Polite, former U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana

Carol Anderson, professor of African-American Studies, Emory University

**WHEN:** Fri., Oct. 2, at 11:30 a.m. EDT

**WHERE:** (877) 876-9173

**VERBAL PASSCODE:** "Elections Integrity"

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