

Public comment re: Draft 7, Section 2, UOCAVA voters
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Last night's discussion re: UOCAVA voters focused solely on military voters. Let's also remember that there are many American ex-patriots living overseas. Historically, this group has very frequently been left out of the public conversation whenever UOCAVA voting is discussed. According to a November 3, 2008 article in *The Nation*, "The number of Americans living abroad is still sketchy, since no one has ever done an official count, but the estimates run between 6 million and 7 million."

<http://www.thenation.com/article/democrats-abroad-cast-their-votes>

I don't know if there's been any official count done since the article was written or if there's been any research in this area, but 6-7 million civilian voters (in addition to military voters and their families) are potentially impacted by UOCAVA. Perhaps one of the VSTF recommendations in Section 2 might involve ex-patriots overseas in some way. At a minimum, this largely ignored group should be mentioned.

Thank you.

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