



Take Action: Educate

Many people are unaware of the injustice Puerto Ricans are facing right now under the island's unincorporated territory status. It is our job as advocates to inform and educate others to raise awareness about the need to obtain full democracy and equality for Puerto Rico through statehood. Below are some talking points to get you started and help educate those around you.

The Problem

- Territory status denies the more than 3 million U.S. citizens of Puerto Rico representation in Congress and equal treatment under federal laws.
- The inequality caused by Puerto Rico's current territory status is the root cause of much of the island's economic problems.
- Territorial discrimination has led hundreds of thousands to move to the states in search of better opportunities and quality of life.



The Latest Vote:

- Puerto Rico has consistently rejected staying under the current territory status and favored statehood among the non-territory options.
- The most recent plebiscite, held on November 5, 2024 – statehood won decisively with 58.6% of the vote.

The Solution:

- Voters have repeatedly chosen statehood in 2012, 2017, 2020, and now 2024—reinforcing statehood as the preferred status for the island.
- Statehood would help unleash Puerto Rico's full economic potential.
- A majority of Americans support statehood for Puerto Rico.
- Statehood is the only alternative to territory status with majority support and with a clear path to sustainable economic growth and prosperity.
- Keeping our fellow citizens in a dysfunctional and undemocratic territory status against their will hurts American democracy.

Call to Action

- Maintaining the current territorial status against the expressed will of the majority undermines democratic principles.
- Encourage elected officials to honor the result of the 2024 plebiscite and pursue legislation that aligns with the will for full democracy and equality.

Sharing Facts



Sharing facts and verifiable information is a powerful way to help raise awareness about the Puerto Rico statehood cause. Share articles and news stories that contain facts and information about Puerto Rico statehood.

Here are some useful links:

<https://www.pr51st.com/blog/>

<https://www.puertoricoreport.com/>

What You Can Do

1. Talk to Others

Sharing with others is a great way to casually spread the word. It could be as simple as mentioning "Did you know that in November 2024, **58.6% of voters** in Puerto Rico chose statehood as their preferred political of status?". This question works well as a segway into explaining why Puerto Rico's current territory status undermines democracy; how Puerto Ricans are U.S. citizens; and other island affairs that people might not know about.

To learn more information about what you can talk about, it is important to use neutral sources. On our page, the *Events & Activities* tab is a non-partisan review of recent news. Other resources the *Puerto Rico State Elections Commission (CEE)* and official vote certifications alongside grassroots or advocacy platforms.

2. Speak & Write About It

Seek out any opportunities to speak about the issue at a school, university, community group, alumni association, or any other public venue. If you would prefer to communicate in writing you can write a letter to the editor or an opinion editorial (OPED) in your local newspaper.

3. Posting

Posting content on social media works well in reaching wider audiences. Reposting can also spread the word to new places, and lets others know that this is an important issue to take note of! There are many platforms where the statehood message can be spread like Instagram, TikTok, X, YouTube, Reddit, and anything else you can think of.

On X, you can try reposting content under these accounts who are constantly working on the statehood message:

- @PuertoRico51st
- @EstadistaFrente
- @PRStatehoodNet