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In-person voting can present significant challenges for various groups of voters. Some of the common difficulties include:

- 1) Physical Accessibility: Voters with disabilities or elderly individuals may find it difficult to travel to polling stations or navigate the process of voting in person.
- 2) Long Wait Times: In some areas, especially in densely populated places, long lines at polling stations can discourage people from voting, particularly those with busy schedules or family obligations.
- 3) Work and Family Commitments: People with full-time jobs or those caring for children or family members may find it hard to take time off to vote during the limited hours of in-person voting.
- 4) Transportation Issues: Many people, especially those in rural areas or without reliable transportation, may struggle to reach polling stations.
- 5) Health and Safety Concerns: In light of events like the COVID-19 pandemic, health concerns can also deter people from voting in person, especially if they are at higher risk of illness.

Voter Suppression: Sometimes, in-person voting can be used as a tool to suppress the vote. Measures like voter ID laws, limited polling locations, or reduced early voting hours can disproportionately affect marginalized communities.