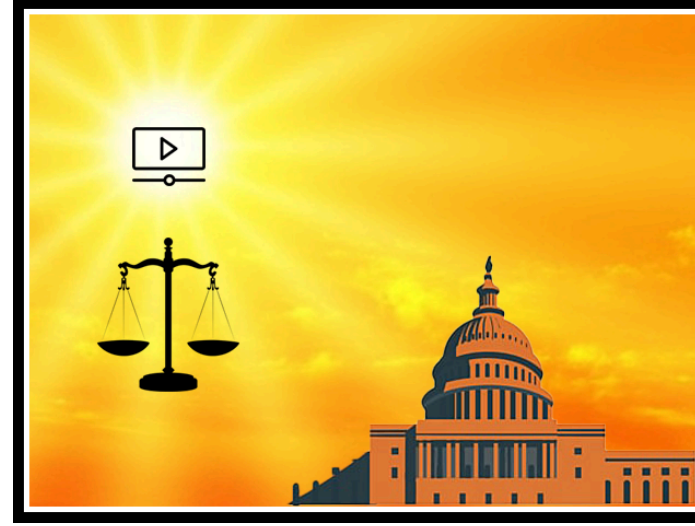




## GOVERNMENT

### Government Transparency in the U.S.A.

- The first state to pass a government transparency law was Florida with the Florida Sunshine Law, enacted in 1967. This law mandates that meetings of government bodies at both the state and local levels be open to the public, ensuring transparency in government decision-making. It also includes provisions for public access to government records.
- The last state to enact a government transparency law was South Dakota, which passed its Open Records Law in 2009. Before this, South Dakota had weaker transparency regulations, but the 2009 law significantly expanded public access to government records.
- Colorado passed the Colorado Open Records Act (CORA), in 1969.



Few states explicitly require the inclusion of video records in their transparency laws. However, many state laws on public records broadly cover various formats of information, including electronic and multimedia records, which may encompass video footage. Six states explicitly address video records in their state laws:

Washington: [Washington's Public Records Act](#)

Texas: [The Texas Public Information Act](#)

California: [The California Public Records Act](#)

Florida: [The Florida Sunshine Law](#)

Colorado: [The Colorado Open Records Act \(CORA\)](#)

New York: [Freedom of Information Law \(FOIL\)](#)

They are paving the way for the rest of the nation. Now, with advances in technology, it's easier than ever to implement on demand video. The public increasingly expects access to information at their fingertips.

[Ballotpedia](#) the digital encyclopedia of American politics

## YOUR VOICE IS YOUR



### Election Information

As we approach the elections next month, it is crucial to recognize the significance of making our voices heard through voting, which is not only a fundamental civic duty but also a vital expression of our democratic values. Participation in elections is essential for representation. The open media landscape plays a pivotal role in ensuring access to accurate information, empowering individuals to make informed decisions. By embracing our responsibility to vote, we contribute to a more equitable society where every voice matters, and together, we can strengthen the democratic process that underpins our collective rights and freedoms.

- [Colorado Online Voter Registration](#)
- [Amendments and Propositions](#)
- [State Ballot Information Booklet](#)
- [Election Complaint Form](#)
- [Vote.org](#)

## CAREER ENGINE



### Media Job Opportunities

Our [Open Media Career Engine](#) is a service offered to Employers in the Media & Journalism sector to help you find and hire more diverse jobseekers. This program has helped over 40 employers in Colorado's Media & Journalism field hire POC jobseekers at more the double the industry average. We help craft your job description to appeal to diverse applicants, post it to over 20 job boards proven to generate more diverse jobseekers, and manage the screening process so that even the smallest HR team can afford a broad and inclusive hiring process developed by industry leaders.

Email [careers@openmediafoundation.org](mailto:careers@openmediafoundation.org) to explore how the OMCE can help you with your next hire.

### Join an Open Media Committee

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- [Fundraising Committee](#) - Contact Tony Shawcross at [tony@openmediafoundation.org](mailto:tony@openmediafoundation.org)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Diwali 2024 is on October 31

Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is one of the most important and widely celebrated festivals in India and across the world. Rooted in Hindu tradition, it marks the triumph of light over darkness and good over evil, commemorating the return of Lord Rama to his kingdom after defeating the demon king Ravana. During Diwali, homes, temples, and streets are illuminated with oil lamps (diyas) and vibrant decorations, symbolizing the victory of light.

Diwali's message of hope, renewal, and the power of good resonates universally, making it a cherished festival not only for Hindus but also for Jains, Sikhs, Buddhists, and people of various cultures around the world.



### Halloween is on October 31

Halloween has evolved from its ancient Celtic roots into a vibrant American cultural tradition, blending elements of folklore, community, and commercialism. Originally a festival marking the end of the harvest season, Halloween has become a festive holiday centered around costumes, trick-or-treating, and community events.

Today, Halloween is a major cultural celebration in the U.S., with haunted houses, pumpkin carving, and themed parties becoming staples of the season. The holiday also highlights creativity, with people of all ages embracing elaborate costumes and decorations, making Halloween a beloved and enduring American tradition.

