# Vote tripling pledge collection while phonebanking 

How to maximize every phone call with a supporter.


## Our session goals

- Vote tripling via phones, and why we think collecting pledges is effective
- How to collect a pledge while on the phone
- How to record pledges in VAN OPEN Virtual Phonebank


Vote tripling via phones, and why it is effective

Vote tripling is about activating the $97 \%$ of voters who don't volunteer, to turn out their friends and family to vote.

# Rather than asking voters: "Can we count on you to vote?" 

We're asking voters: "Can we count on you to remind three friends to vote?"

## Vote tripling is just two simple steps

1. Ask over the phone


Every supporter who pledges can activate their friends closer to Election Day


Pledges boost turnout of voter


Generate additional turnout boost from friends they remind to vote

How to have vote tripling conversations while phonebanking

## Making the VTPC ask on the phones

If a supporter but won't volunteer

If yes

| Follow <br> your <br> script |
| :---: |$\rightarrow$| "Can I count on you to |
| :---: | :---: |
| remind three friends to |
| vote?" |$\rightarrow$| "Great - who are the three friends |
| :---: |
| we can count on you to remind?" |

## Sample conversation



Thanks! I'm reminding my sister, cousin and friend John. Who are you thinking of reminding?



confirm your cell \#?


## Why is it important to ask for the three names?

Because the more specific you are, the more likely someone is to remember and take action, and the more likely we are to increase turnout in November.


## Overcoming a no and common hesitations

| "All my friends vote" or "I don't think they need a reminder!" | Research shows people overestimate friends' voting habits. Share an anecdote (e.g. "I thought the same thing and then I reminded my sister and she had forgotten it was Election Day last year.") |
| :---: | :---: |
| "I don't want to share my cell \#" "I don't want to share my friends' cell numbers" | Understand and assure them that we will only text/call them with a reminder closer to Election Day! We won't contact their friends |
| "I don't want to give out my friends' names..." | Assure them that they can add nicknames like "mom" or "bff," as long as they know who to text. |
| "I can't think of who to remind" | Share that many people take a moment to decide, and a lot remind a family member, a neighbor, and a coworker. |

What are other good ways to respond?

## What to expect during a shift

We know that
20-45\%
of supporters will pledge to remind three friends

About
45\%
of people will share three friends' names

Meaning that 12
voters will be activated to vote per shift
(if 20 convos)

## How to enter data into VAN OPEN VPB

## Entering data: VAN OPEN VPB

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Select the activist code or Yes
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Hi Inna! It's Ani with Voting Nonprofit. We want to make sure everyone votes. Can we count on you to remind three friends to vote?

Can I count on you to get three friends to vote?

- Vote Tripling

Sure!

Great! I'm reminding my cousin and friend Jane. Who will you remind?

I can remind Janice, Max, and my sister


Record names if they share (\#VT: Name 1, Name 2, Name 3); leave blank if they don't

Recording data correctly ensures we can send reminder texts

## Key takeaways

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- Vote tripling via phones is very effective at turning out voters and their networks
- Pitch everyone you talk to, and share examples of who you will remind to help the supporter think of three friends
- Data is key - always make sure to record their contact information \& their friends' names
- Every pledge is a win - even if the numbers seem small, they are powerful


Questions \& answers

