# OMEN AND MEN VOTERS

# THE SIMILARITIES & NUANCED DIFFERENCES ON HOW TO REACH & INFLUENCE THEM

Targeting men or women separately is an effective way to reach, persuade, and motivate voters. The United States Postal Service partnered with the American Association of Political Consultants to field research after the 2020 presidential election and 2021 Virginia gubernatorial election, which uncovered valuable insights on women and men voters' preferences and

reactions when it comes to campaign advertising - identifying where there's alignment and where there's nuanced differences. Campaigns can leverage these insights to target voters through mail as part of the campaign media mix.



# WHERE WOMEN AND MEN ALIGN



50%

of American men and women say mail was the MOST MEMORABLE FORM OF POLITICAL **ADVERTISING** they saw during the 2020 election cycle.1

**57%** 

of women and men READ DIRECT MAIL UPON RECEIVING it or save to read for later1

#### **Voter Verbatim from Focus Group:**

On one of the postcards that I received, it mentioned the pros and cons of voting for a candidate, I think that was memorable because it showed both sides and I mean it still seemed a bit biased because they knew my political affiliation, but that helped me fact check on my own investigation."

Woman in Focus Group<sup>3</sup>

Super majority of Virginia women & men voters in 2021 gubernatorial election viewed DIRECT MAIL AS THE MOST CREDIBLE ADVERTISING CHANNEL.2





**66**% TV ads



**39% Email** 



**36**% Radio ads



**35**% Website ads

# THE NUANCED DIFFERENCES BETWEEN WOMEN & MEN

#### **MEN ARE SLIGHTLY MORE**

**LIKELY** than women to say that mail during the Virginia gubernatorial race impacted their opinion on candidates in 20212



Men Voters



Women Voters

WOMEN ARE MORE LIKELY TO LOOK TO SOCIAL MEDIA AND FRIENDS AND FAMILY FOR INFORMATION, while men

are more likely to get information from cable news.

Source of information for news and current events:1

Social media



Friends, relatives or colleagues



Cable news



‡ Women ☆ Men

RECEIVING THE MAIL STARTS THE ENGAGEMENT

WITH MEN who are more likely to socialize the campaign info and search online for information compared to women<sup>1</sup>







## SOCIALIZE THE INFORMATION

with friends & family1

**27%** of Men 24% of Women



#### **FOLLOW THE CANDIDATE OR**

**ISSUE** on social or search online to learn more about the race1

**32%** of Men 28% of Women

# MEN ARE MORE LIKELY TO LEVERAGE MAIL-TO-DIGITAL INTEGRATION TECHNOLOGY



**QR CODES** SCANNED<sup>1</sup> **33%** by Men 22% by Women



### **INFORMED DELIVERY® FEATURE USED**<sup>1</sup>

**33%** by Men 28% by Women



**63%** 

## OF MEN RECALLED SEEING POLITICAL MAIL

on informed delivery during the 2020 election cycle compared to 49% of women<sup>1</sup>



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#### References:

- <sup>1</sup> Summit Research post-election survey on behalf of the Postal Service™ among 4,000 Americans conducted following the 2020 elections (December 15-22, 2020).
- <sup>2</sup> Summit Research post-election survey on behalf of the Postal Service™ among 1,007 Virginians conducted following the 2021 gubernatorial election (January 2022).
- <sup>3</sup> KRC Research conducted two, 90-minute focus groups February 22 and 23, 2021.