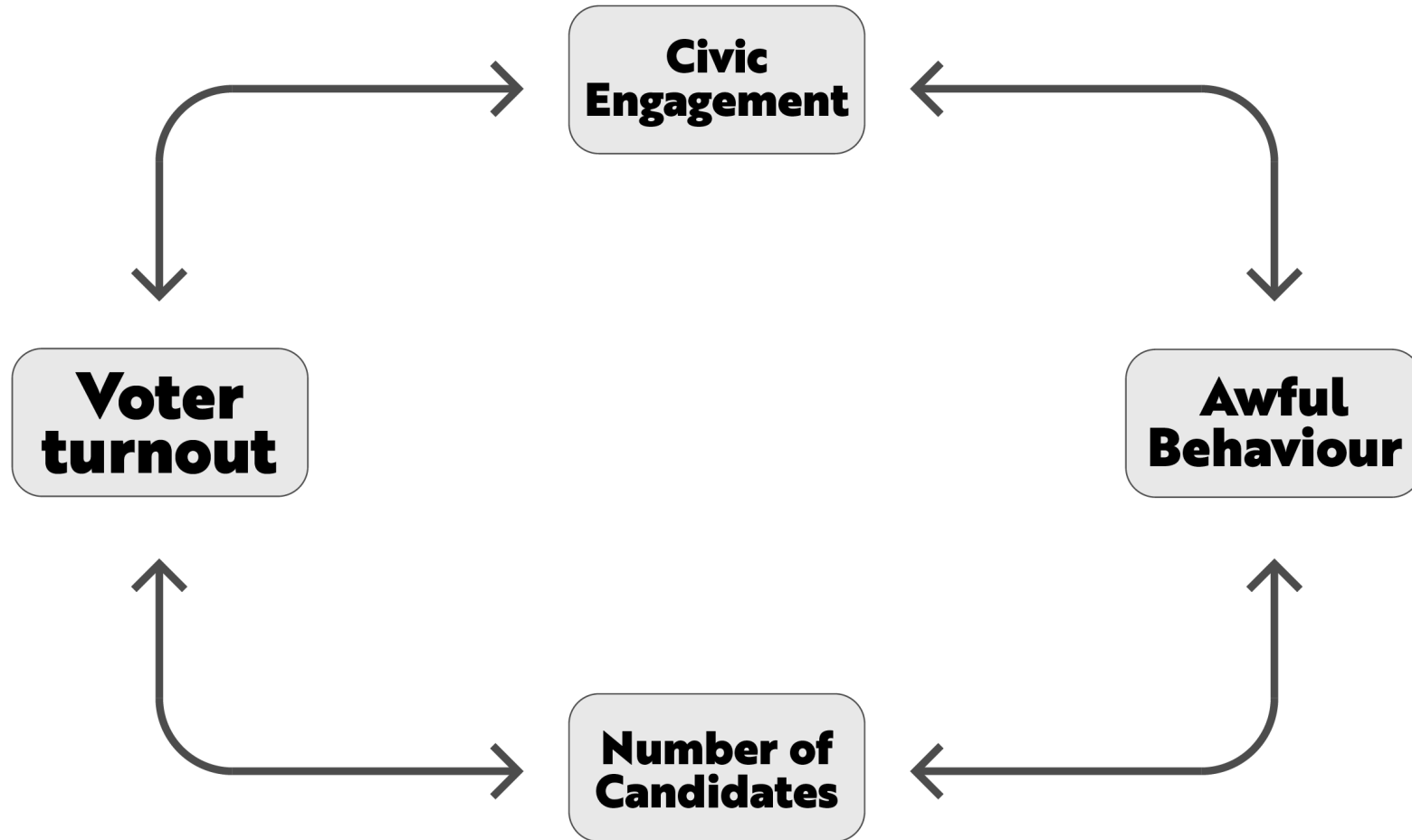


Collision at the intersection of Voter Turnout, Civic Engagement, and Incivility

Crowded intersection



A “Confluence of Concerns”

- **Concern 1: Growing incivility and toxicity in local politics**
- **Concern 2: Civic engagement is being restricted**
- **Concern 3: Steadily declining candidate registrations**
- **Concern 4: Rapidly declining voter turnout**

#1 Incivility and Toxicity

Politics

Why Is Politics Getting Nastier?

With threats and harassment rising, running office has become a dangerous job

BY STEPHEN MAHER

Updated 21:32, May. 30, 2022 | Published 14:00, May. 12, 2022

Local News

Trolling is a major barrier for women considering politics, conference hears

"I want to put my time into developing good policy, not fighting trolls on the internet. It is frustrating and it is draining."

Elizabeth Payne

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Quebec launches helpline for politicians following wave of resignations at municipal level

Hundreds have left public life since 2021

The Canadian Press - Posted: Feb 28, 2024 1:26 PM EST | Last Updated: February 28



Quebec Municipal Affairs Minister Andrée Laforest says a growing number of elected officials are quitting because of intimidation and harassment. (Jacques Boissinot/The Canadian Press)



Quebec is committing \$2 million to connect politicians and their families with psychological aid after a wave of resignations and leaves of absence among elected municipal officials.

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Staff • The Canadian Press
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#2 Civic Engagement



helpline for politicians at municipal

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OPP investigating after Pickering mayor, council file criminal harassment complaint against fellow councillor

Complaint is a joint filing by the rest of council, Coun. Linda Cook says



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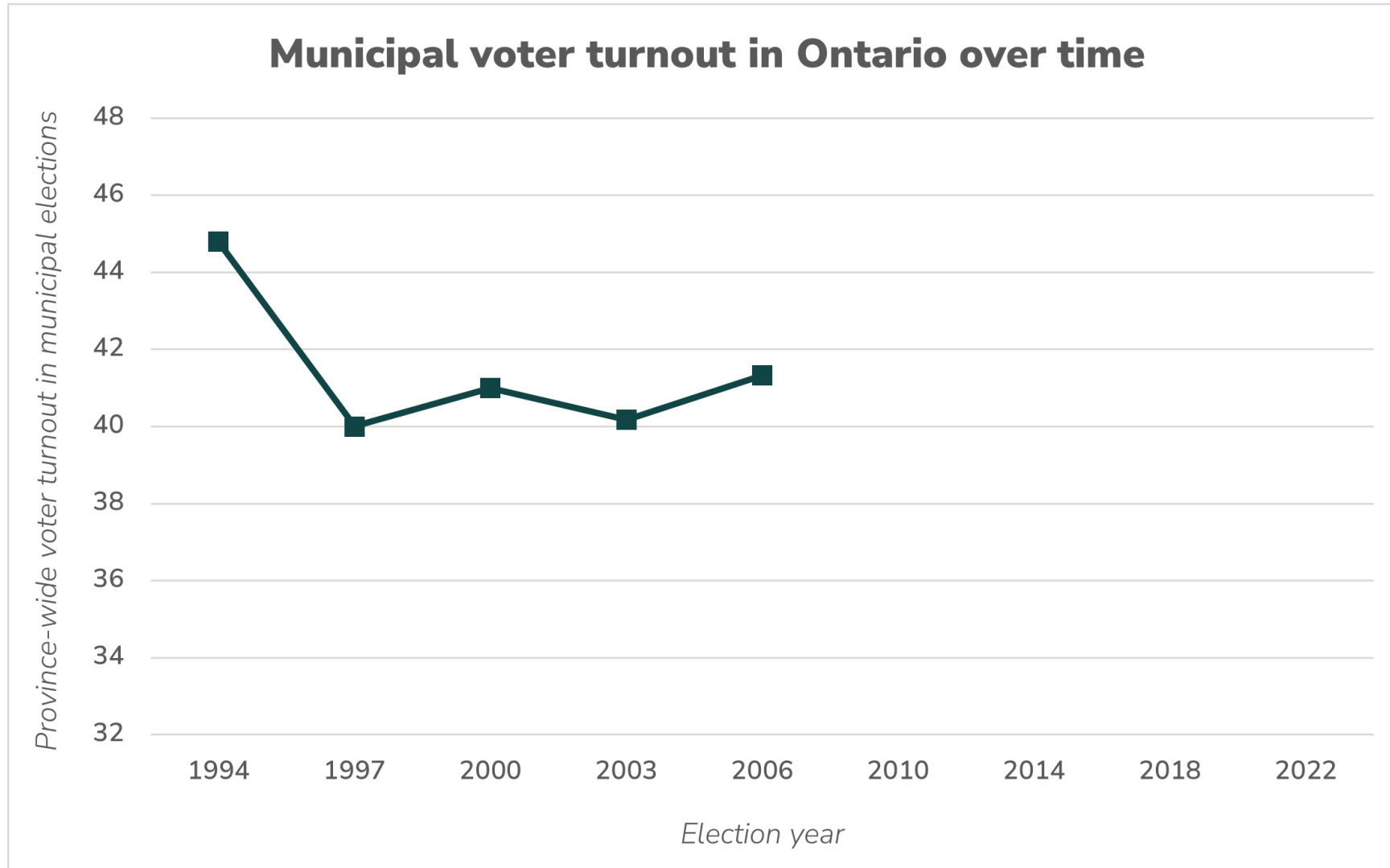
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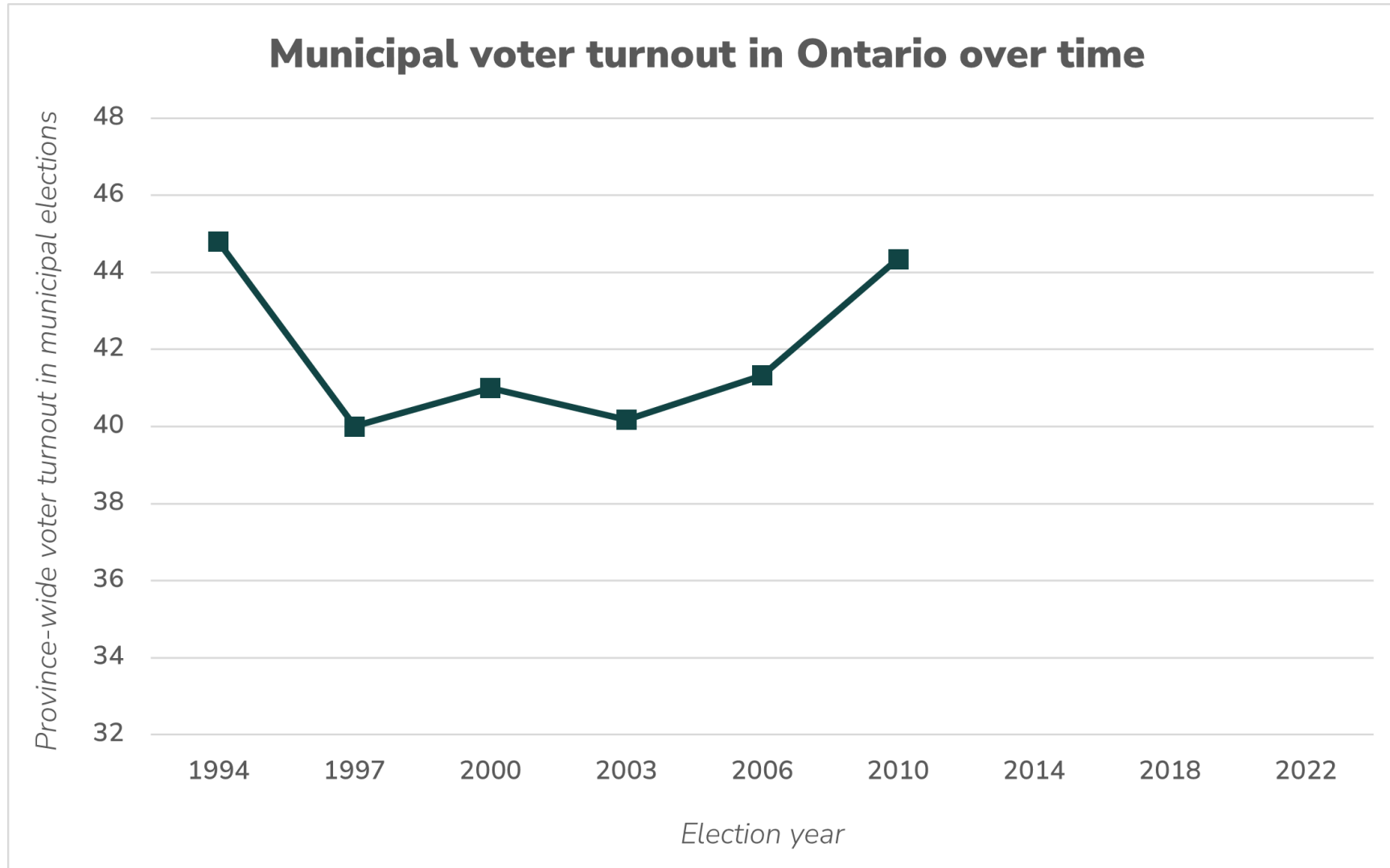
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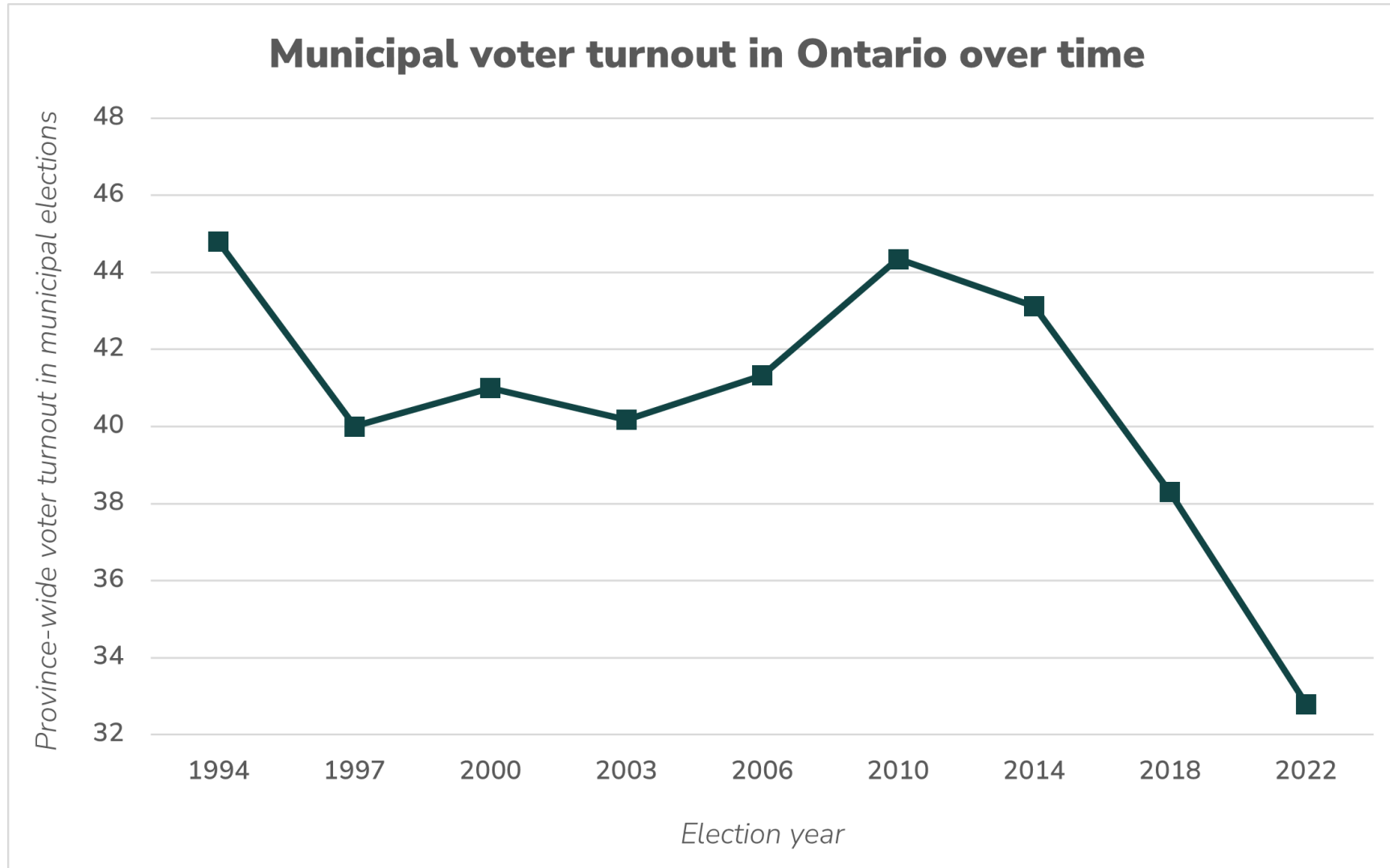
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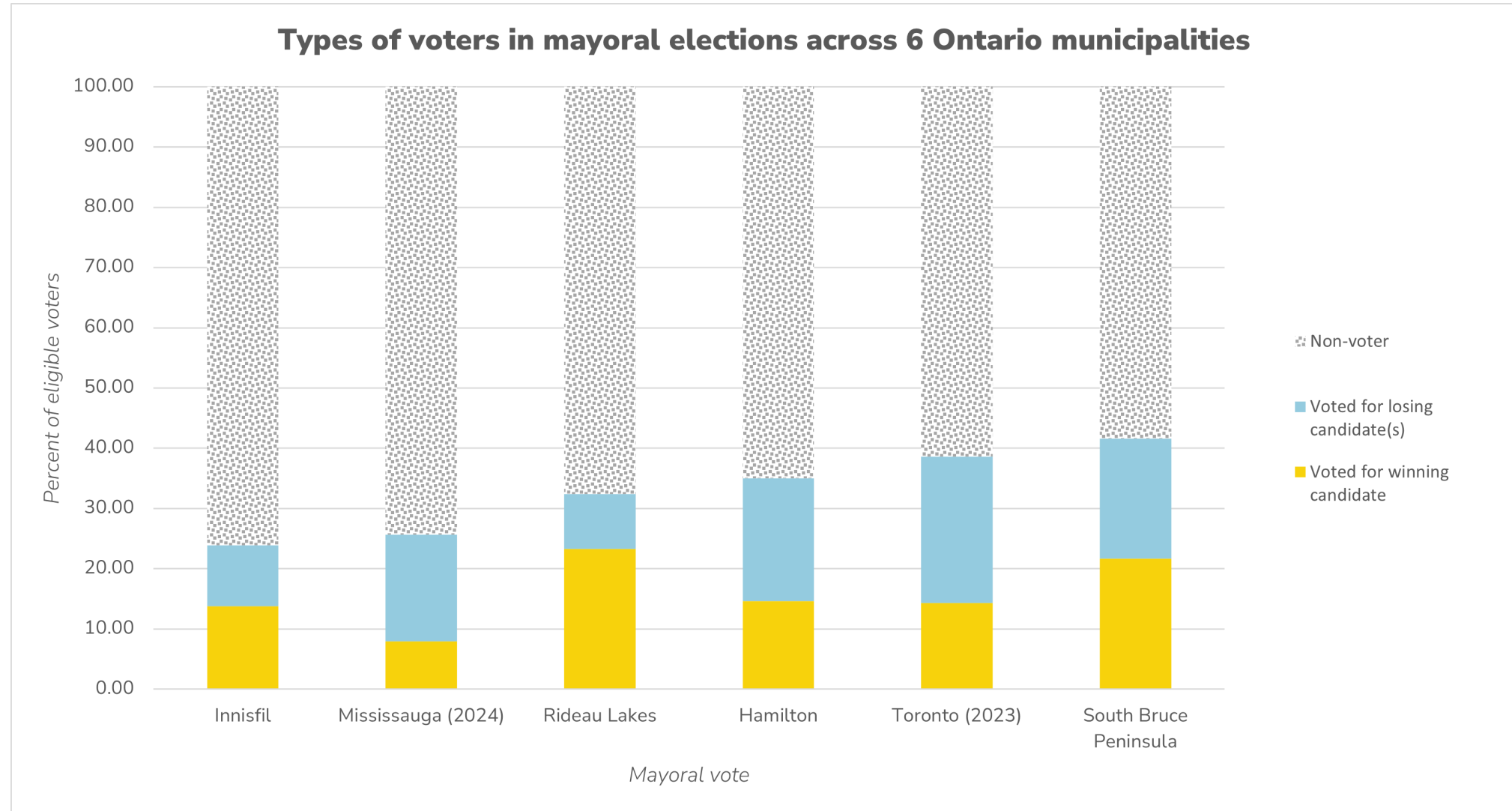
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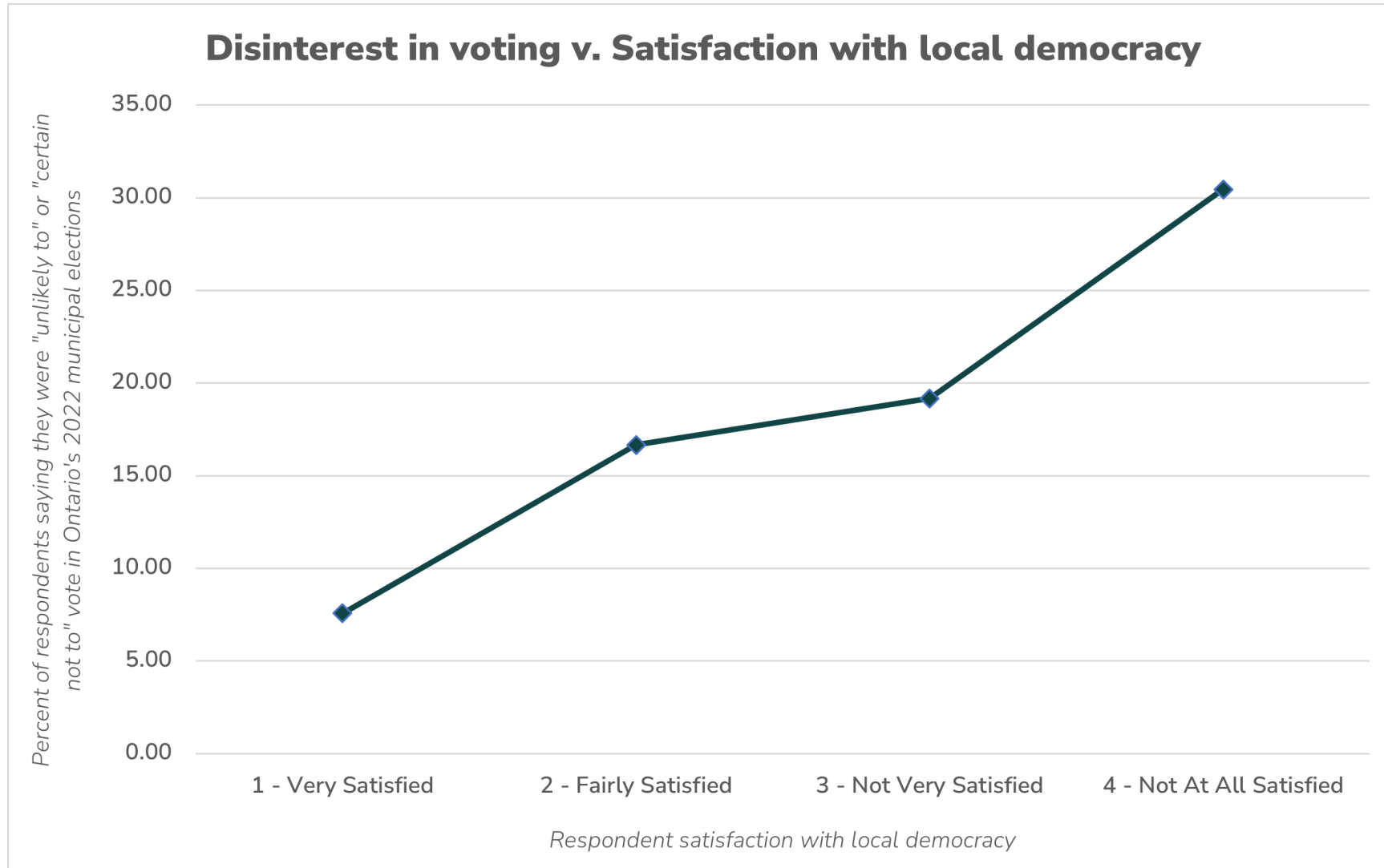
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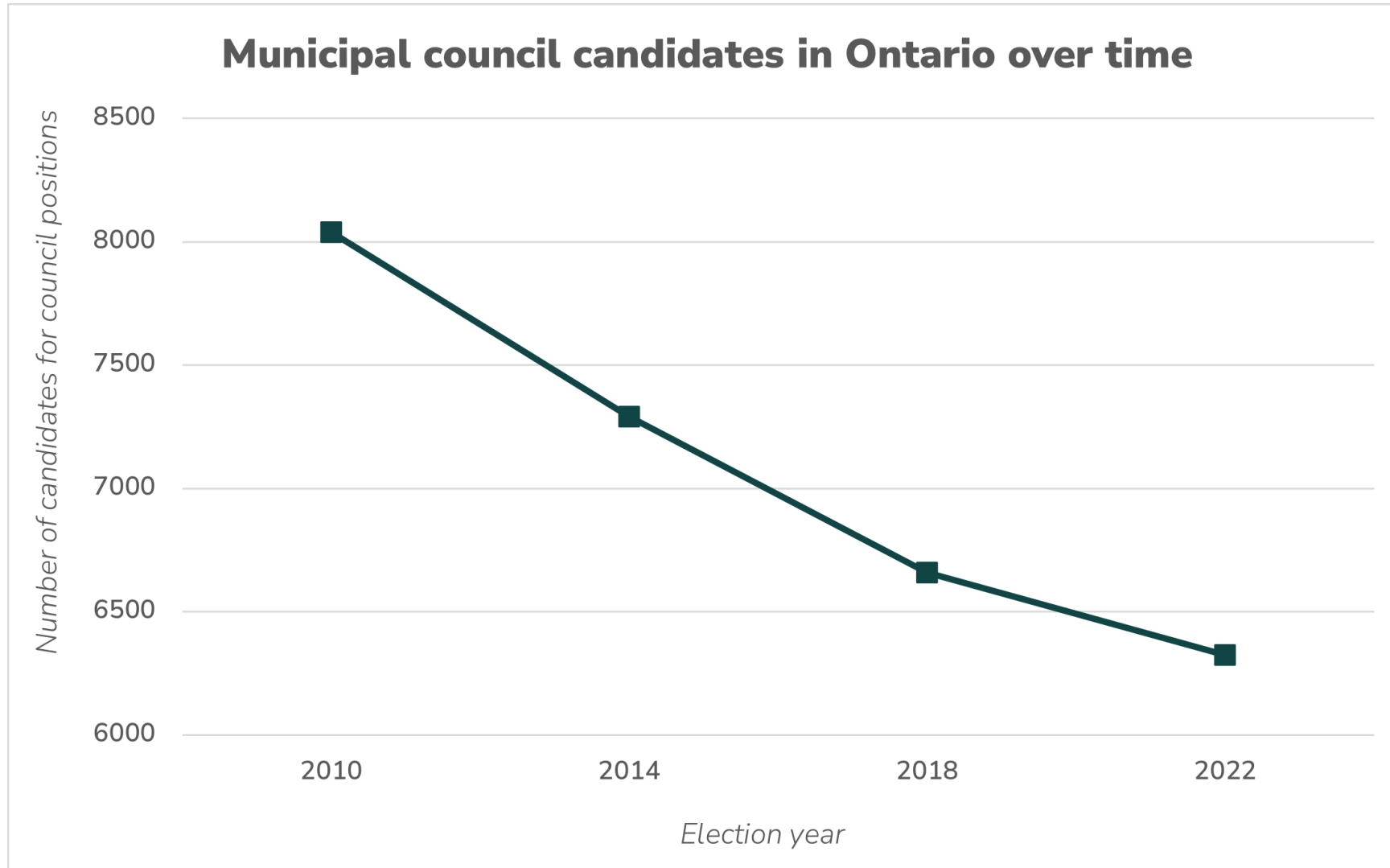
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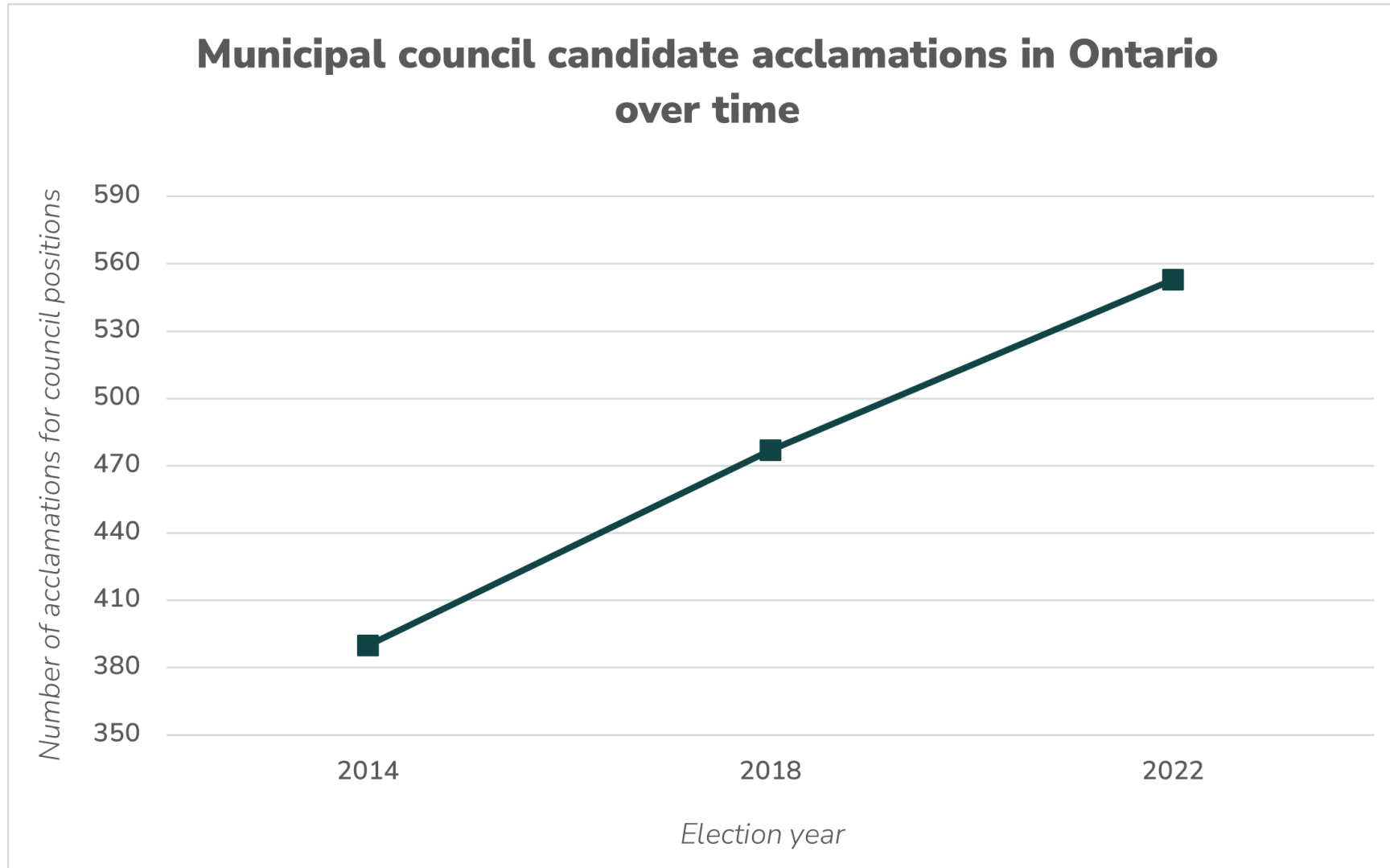
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How have you seen these issues surface in your community?



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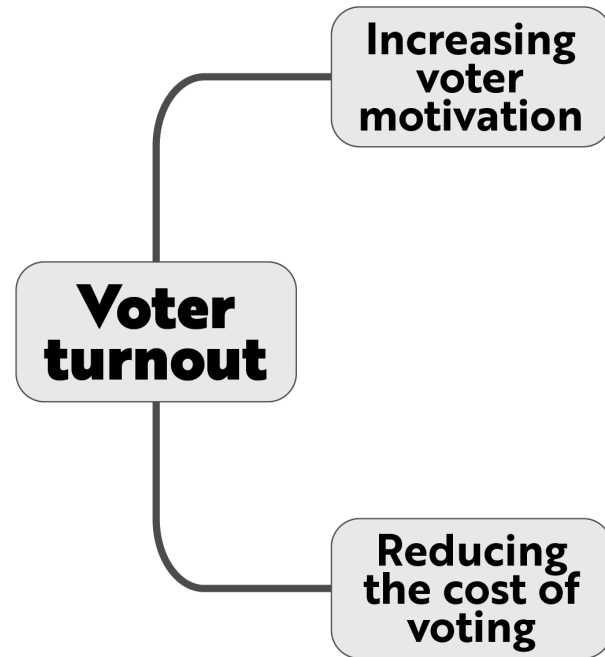
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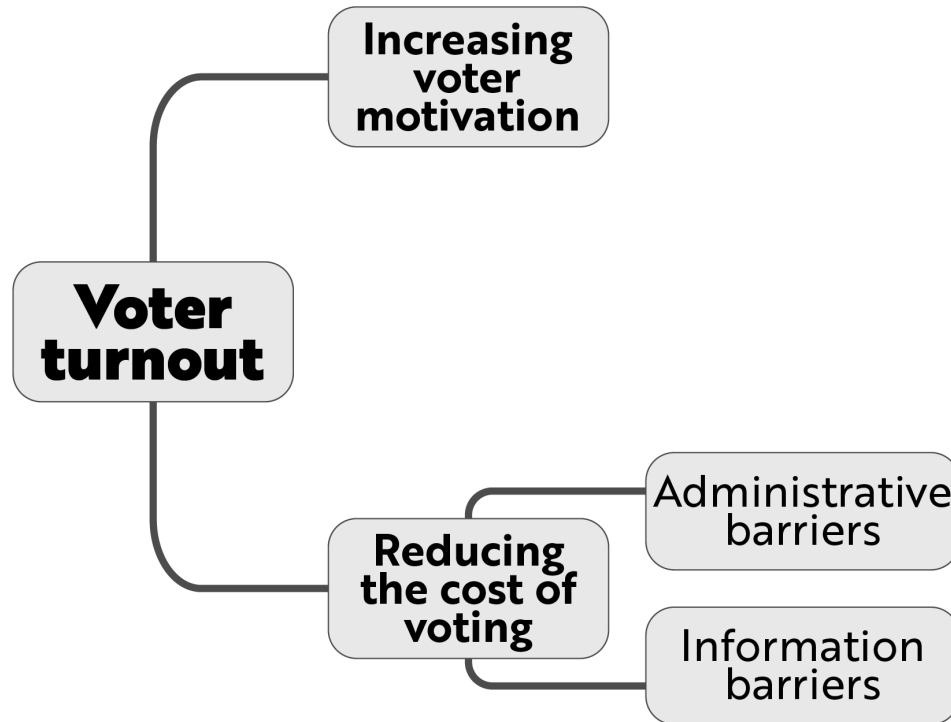
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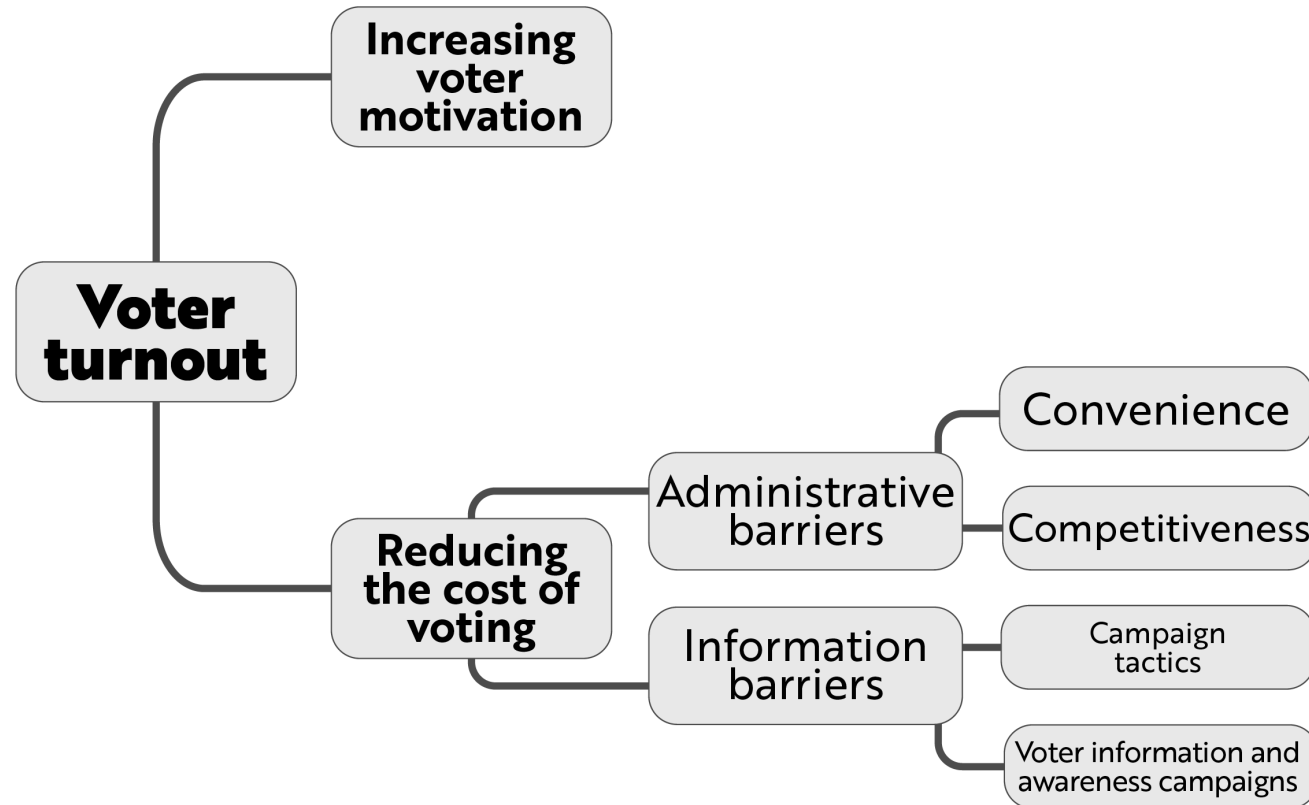
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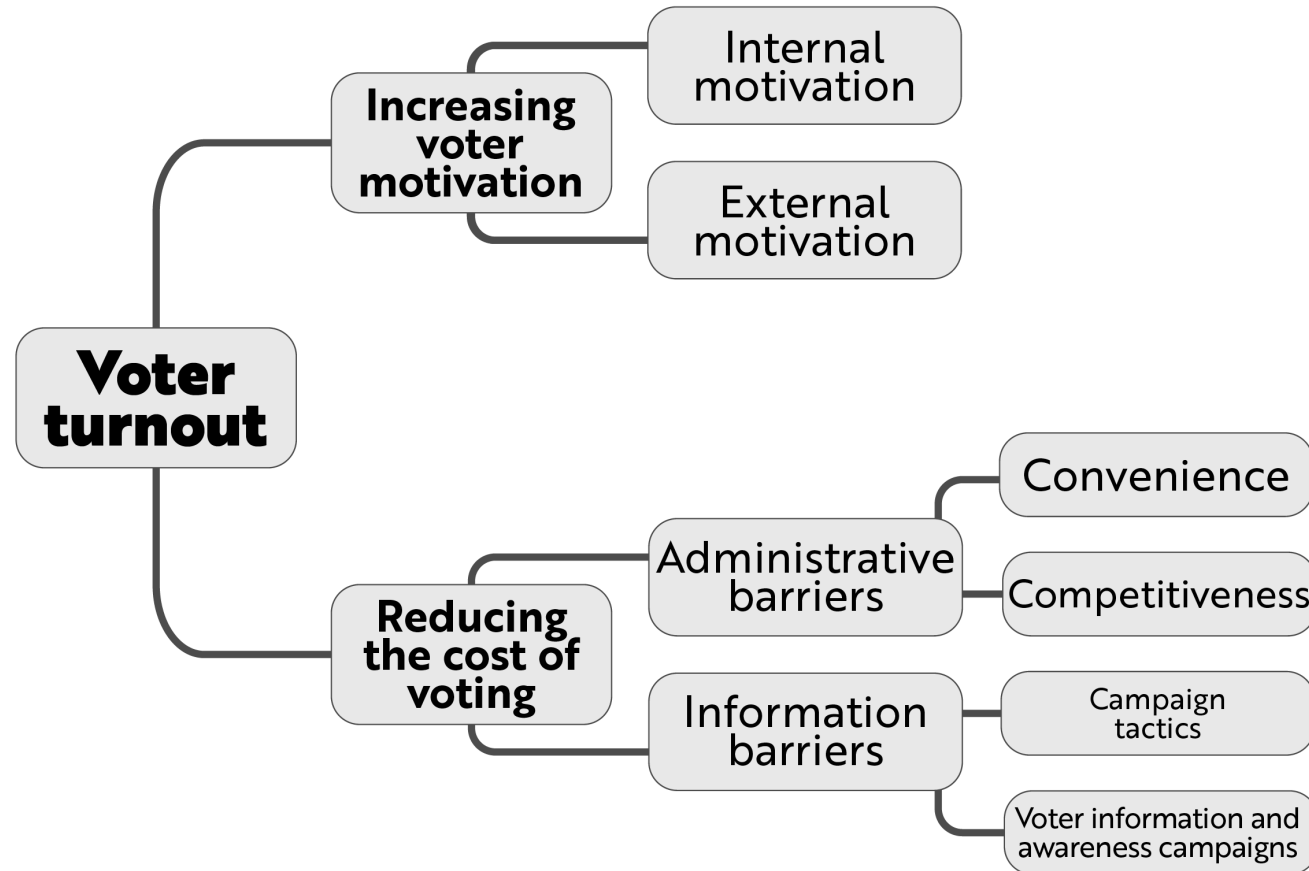
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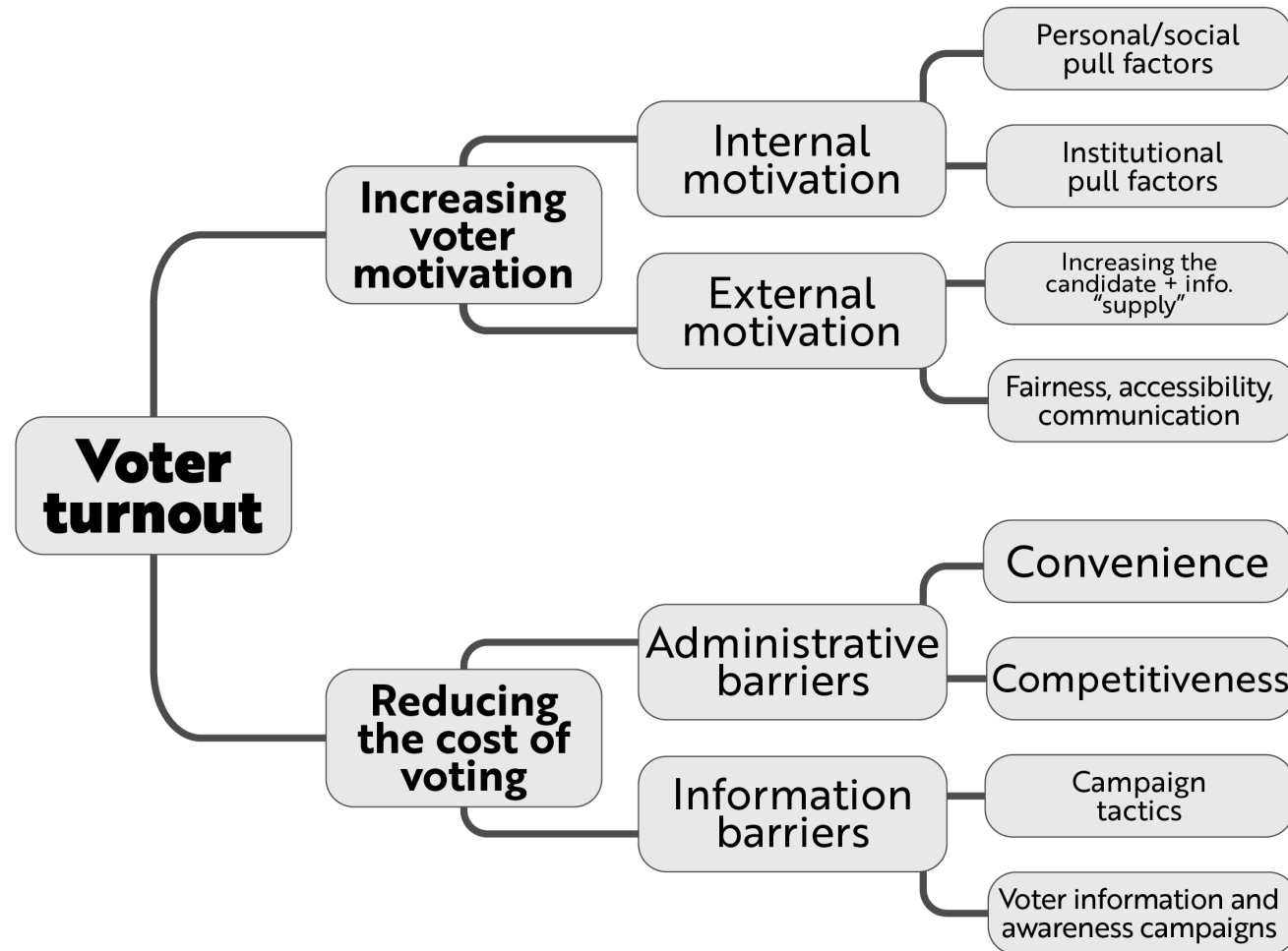
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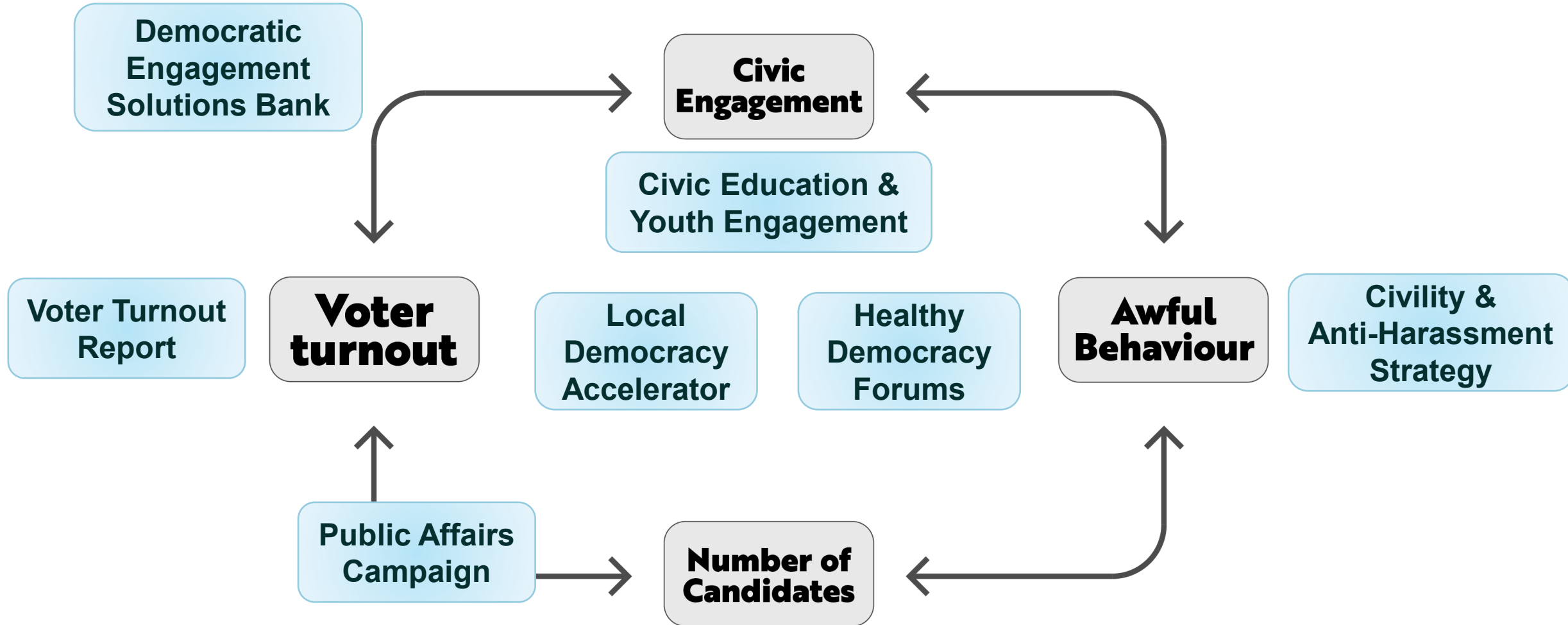
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Hope, Optimism, and Partnerships





Let's talk:

How is your community working to clear the collision and strengthen your local democracy?