5 Ways to Cope with Election Stress

Tips for Practicing Self-Care During the Election

✓ Make Connection a Priority
Engage in dialogues that feel constructive. Step away from conversations which feel divisive.

✓ Maintain Your Normal Routine
Discover ways that support your regular routine and engage in activities that provide balance in your life.

✓ Practice Self-Compassion
Acknowledge your fears, anxieties, or concerns— it’s okay to not be okay. Feel what you feel and allow others to do the same without judging your personal experience or others.

✓ Choose Empowering Actions
Your actions have impact. Empower yourself through voting: helping others vote, ensure fair elections, fight voter suppression, contribute to fact checking, and identify misinformation.

✓ Unplug
Limit your intake of news and time spent on social media. If you find yourself feeling anxious or distressed, limit your consumption and seek connection with others instead.

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