

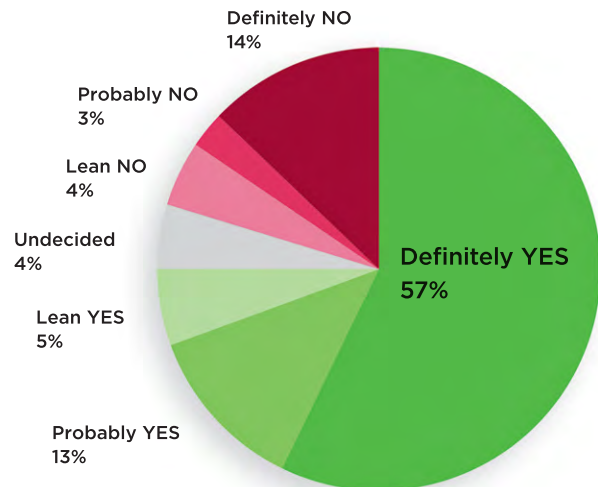
## Restoring civics education and ensuring that all high school graduates are ready for active, engaged citizenship.

The **Civics Education Initiative** is simple in concept. It requires high school students, as a condition for graduation, to pass a test on 100 basic facts of U.S. history and civics taken from the United States Citizenship Civics Test – *the test all immigrants applying for U.S. citizenship must pass*. Yet, according to the National Assessment of Educational Progress, only 24 percent of U.S. high school students are proficient in civics, and studies by the Annenberg Foundation show that a third of U.S. citizens can't name even one branch of our federal government. That's why the Joe Foss Insitute created the Civics Education Initiative.

The **Civics Education Initiative** legislation allows individual schools to administer the test in a way the school deems as adequate to ensure the requirements are followed. Students may take the test any time during their high school careers and may take the test as many times as necessary to pass. By using this well-established test and the study materials that are already easily available online and for free, CEI legislation has next to no implementation costs.

### Support for the Civics Education Initiative

(2014)



	YES	NO	+/- Difference
ALL	74%	21%	+53
Men	78%	19%	+59
Women	71%	24%	+47
Republican	84%	13%	+71
Independent	75%	21%	+54
Democrat	68%	27%	+41
White	76%	20%	+56
Hispanic	76%	22%	+54
African American	60%	32%	+28

The **Civics Education Initiative** is a first step to ensure all students are taught basic civics about how our government works, and who we are as a nation...things every student should know to be ready for active, engaged citizenship.

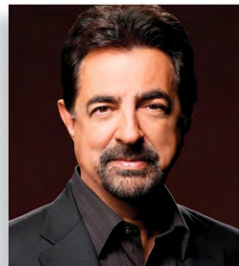
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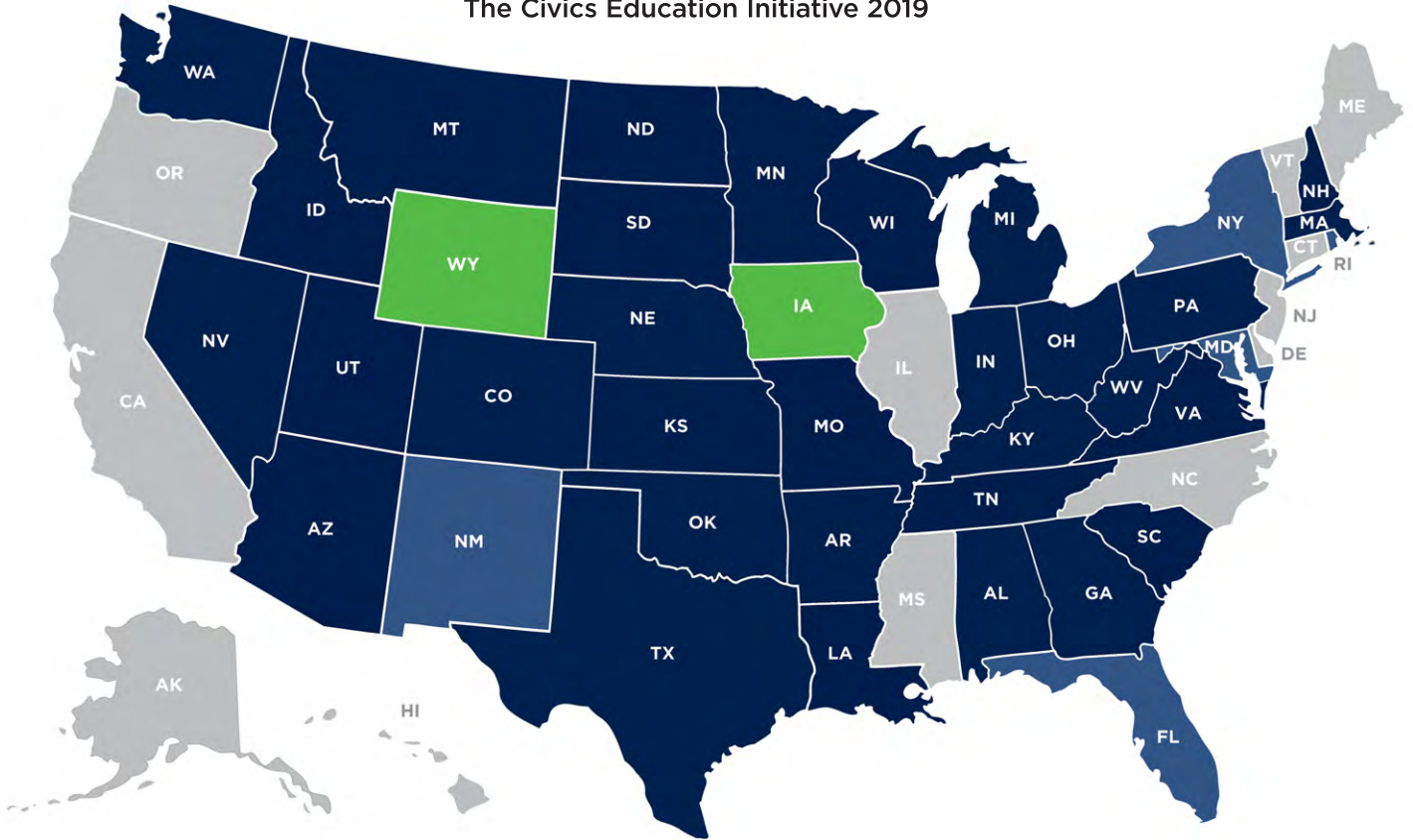
**Joe Mantegna**  
Award-Winning Actor



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## The Civics Education Initiative 2019



The **Civics Education Initiative** is sponsored by the Civics Proficiency Institute, an affiliate of the Joe Foss Institute.

- Civics Education Initiative enacted (as of April 2019)
- Current civics requirement equal to or greater than CEI
- Proposed States for 2019

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