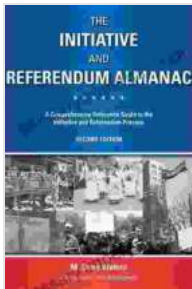


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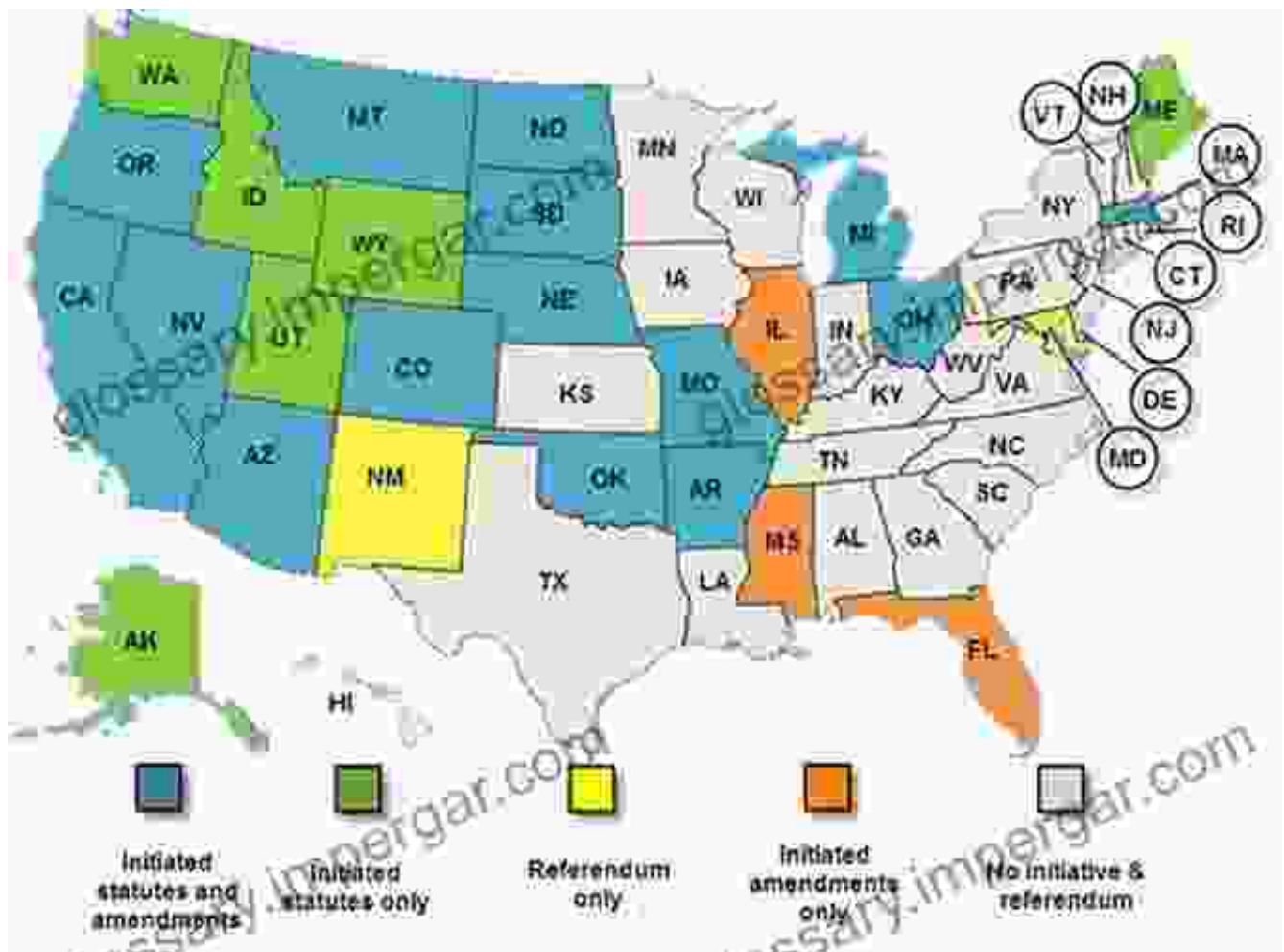
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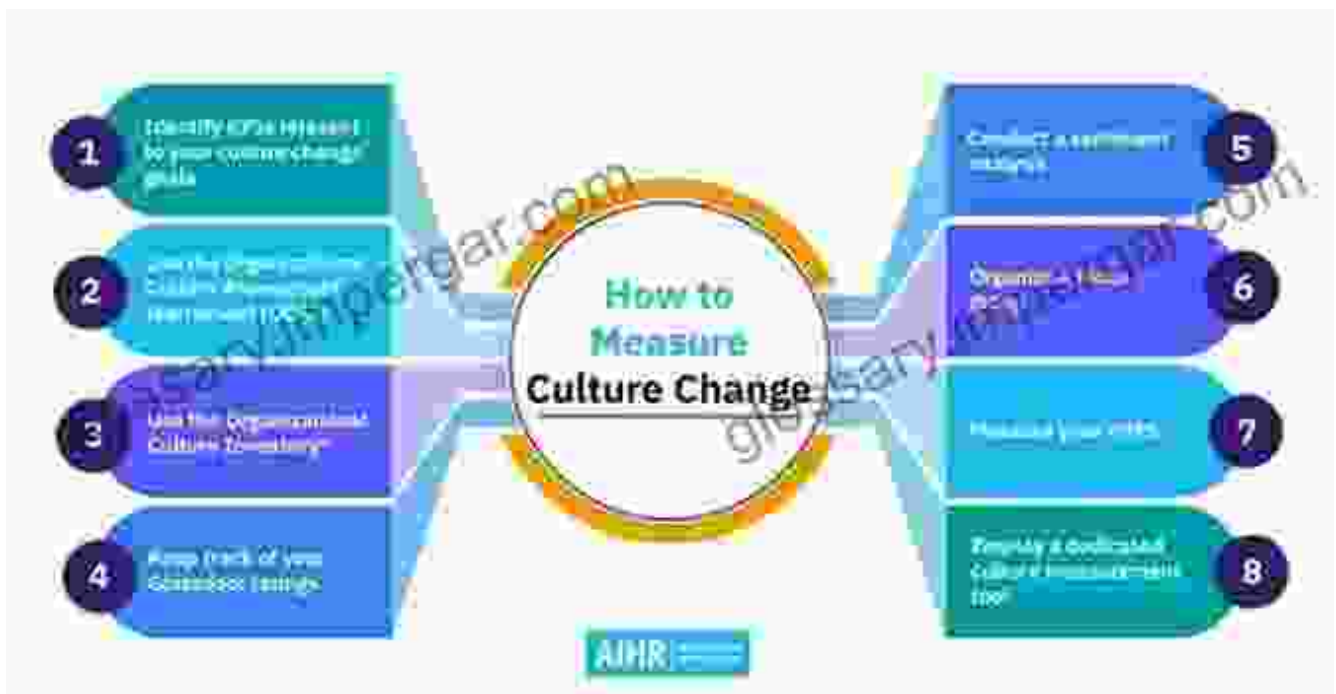


Infographic providing an overview of the key steps in a successful initiative campaign.

Impact and Outcomes

Through comprehensive analysis and data, the almanac showcases the profound impact of initiative and referendum processes on public policy and

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Timeline of Major Supreme Court Cases

- 1803: *Marbury v. Madison*
- 1819: *McCulloch v. Maryland*
- 1857: *Dred Scott v. Sandford*
- 1896: *Plessy v. Ferguson*
- 1954: *Brown v. Board of Education*
- 1965: *Griswold v. Connecticut*
- 1973: *Roe v. Wade*
- 2000: *Bush v. Gore*
- 2010: *Citizens United v. FEC*
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- 2013: *Shelby County vs. Holder*
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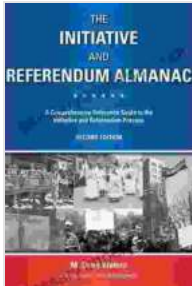


Timeline highlighting key Supreme Court decisions that have shaped the landscape of direct democracy.

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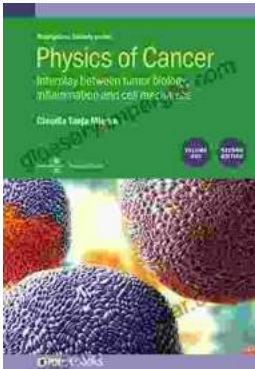
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