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My Right to Vote

The right to vote is important because voting gives me the chance to have a say in who will be my leader in government. Voting is the way I use my voice to give my opinion and choose the views that best represent what I believe is right.

Voting is not a right that every person in the world has. One hundred years ago it was not a right that women had, even here in America. Women were considered to be valued at home, but their voice in government was not recognized. This means that I, as a female, would live in a country and would be held accountable to laws and leaders that I do not get to choose.

Men have always had the right to vote. It used to be that people believed that men knew more about what was best than women. Women were taught to be wives and mothers. The thought that we could help shape our government and laws was something that the men of this country did not dream possible.

Women were the last group of Americans given the right to vote. This right was given to us by the 19th Amendment. Before granting women the right to vote, the 14th Amendment gave men that were not white the right to vote. I am glad that our country eventually accepted the fact that women can help make choices that shape our country. Women leaders have done a lot of great things and will continue to do great things for America.