

How America is United by Voting

I just turned 18. I have a used Hyundai Sonata, a part-time job, and I am a freshman in college. I now have many important duties and responsibilities including jury duty, the draft, paying taxes and voting. I know that my future well-being requires a strong, united country, so I definitely want to vote in this year's election. Voting is the best way to make our country strong and united.

Voting is the best way to strengthen our country. To make a strong government, the country needs good leaders, and one way to have good leaders is by voting. Voting might seem useless, but your vote has significant power to change our country. Take the 2000 election between George W. Bush and Al Gore. Florida ended up being the decider of the election in which Bush won by just 537 votes! Since there were about 6 million people who voted in Florida, a win of just 537 votes means that only 0.009% more people voted for Bush than Gore. And since voter turnout was about 50% in Florida that year, only 0.0045% of eligible voters in Florida decided who would be the leader of our country for four years. Your vote, then, can change the country.

However, if you are the only person to vote for a candidate, that candidate would not win with just one vote because lots of people vote in elections. To be able to elect a candidate, you will need many other voters to unite together. Cooperation will be needed from all voters of different backgrounds to achieve the same goal. However, voters must give up some of their interests in order to obtain more important interests that will unite all voters who want the same common interest. Cooperation and unity will improve your chances of electing a candidate.

Even if you don't agree with someone else's political views, you can still find common ground on other topics. A surprising fact is that voting unites people who vote for different candidates. Poll workers from different parties come together on election day to ensure fair voting. The poll workers sit together at tables and hand out ballots to all people. Another surprising fact is that politically involved citizens are more likely to be socially connected to neighbors than people who do not vote. When I was ten, I remember I went to a breakfast with a candidate and other voters. I saw people of different races, ages and genders there who were interested in making my community better. Everyone wanted to help the campaign. I even put signs in my yard and went to the polling place to see everyone fulfilling their responsibility to vote for their favorite candidate. Voting, then, unites people because the voters are all trying to elect their candidate, and the voters all want to make the country better.

Voting strengthens and unites our country by allowing us to choose good leaders. The responsibility to vote is the most important responsibility Americans have since it gives us a chance to elect people who will make wise laws. Even if you pay all your taxes, get chosen in the draft, or serve on a jury, the only way to change the government is by voting. Now that I am 18, I will definitely vote because my future depends on having a safe and prosperous country. By being politically involved, I will be joining other Americans who are concerned about the well-being of our country. Together we can help make America united and strong.

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