

Why My Vote Matters

The United States of America: what a truly fascinating, colorful, and wonderful country we live in. Each and every one of our citizens has been granted so many freedoms, rights, and opportunities. Our Founding Fathers have set many obligations that set very high standards for our country to follow. We have established a strong, free country that we continue to fight for each and every day. Our country only continues to progress; never accepting failure or moving backwards.

One of the greatest accomplishments that our country achieved was suffrage for any citizen over the age of eighteen. This gives me goosebumps to even think about. So many fought, giving their own blood, limbs, and even lives for all of us to be privileged enough to have a say in what happens in our country.

This was a long and hard fight for our country, but also one of the best moves we have ever made. This fight, in essence, represents our flag and everything we stand for. The red stripes stand for the blood, sweat, tears, and lives given by the brave and willing. Those individuals had the guts to give their all for their fellow citizens and fought, even to the point of death, for the sole betterment of our country. The white on our flag represents purity and innocence; all the adolescent lives our government works to protect and create better and brighter futures for. The blue on our flag represents vigilance and justice. This is to represent all the freedom and progress our country has obtained since its establishment and to show all that we still work for. Justice, perseverance, and vigilance represent our flag; we are all represented in the stars that fly in the sky each day, in the classrooms, in workplaces, etc. This flag represents us. It represent everyone

one of our citizens, represents everything we have fought for, and everything we stand for; making us truly the land of the free, and the home of the brave.

So why would we not take the opportunity to vote? We have put so many lives at risk, lost many loved ones, and fought so hard for this right. This is our country and we have given so much to make it what it is today and for it to be what it is. We, as the free, as the justified, as the citizens, and as the people of the United States of America have been given so many opportunities and gifts that can never be taken from us; one of those being the privilege to vote. This is such an honor that I anticipate to participate in, and hope my fellow citizens will be partake in too, due to its high significance and value. This is our right, a gift and freedom granted to us by us; through blood, sacrifice, and honor that we are able to have this gift, and it is a gift that we must honor through the process of voting.