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Introduction

The U. S. constitution protects the right to vote for citizens. Millions of men and women have fought and hundreds of thousands have died to protect that right. Yet, the percentage of eligible voters who exercise this right is typically low, especially during mid-term elections.

From 1974 to 2006, voter turnout for mid-term elections averaged about 38%, yet some elections are often decided by small margins, sometimes a few votes.

What reasons might prevent you from exercising your right to vote? Do you believe your vote matters?

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All Participants who selected 'Yes'

Name not shown in Cincinnati

November 1, 2010, 9:36 PM

I say Yes

Yes. It is my right AND my responsibility. It is a privilege I hold dear.

Karen Zanger in Montgomery

October 25, 2010, 10:41 PM

I say Yes

I've never missed an election. Guess my parents set a good role model. But caring about elections so much sets me up for a lot more disillusionment, these days especially, as campaigns have gotten so irrational and mean. Getting to vote for excellent candidates every so often, even if they lose, makes it all worthwhile.

Jan Sutton in Cincinnati

October 25, 2010, 4:50 PM

I say Yes

I believe it is my privilege and responsibility to vote. And I believe that means taking the time to stand in line on election day, even if it's raining or cold. But I realize that is a dying viewpoint. Some friends of my own generation (the older one!) prefer the convenience of absentee ballots. As one friend said, well, then we can discuss it as we fill out the ballot. Sorry, I thought the time for discussion was before taking the ballot in hand. Do I think every vote counts? Well, that seems to be a trickier question than I ever imagined! I'm not sure it does. On the other hand, zealous election board volunteers went into my father's Alzheimer's unit back in 2000 to make sure all patients had a chance to vote. We have no idea if he voted or not. Neither did he! Makes you wonder, doesn't it. But I'll be trudging to my polling precinct this Nov. 2nd anyway, and hoping for the best. Gotta say, though, no longer as sure as I used to be.

Name not shown in Cincinnati

October 25, 2010, 3:05 PM

I say Yes

Of course my vote matters. I hope it will count this November.

Ed Daniel in Montgomery

October 25, 2010, 12:18 PM

I say Yes

Certainly one's vote matters, which has been proven via upsets occurring historically and also this past year.

In most cases, there are enough issues/races of importance for one to make the effort to vote.

Name not shown in Cincinnati

October 25, 2010, 11:56 AM

I say Yes

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I feel I have no right to complain if I don't vote. It's not that hard to stay informed on local, state, and national matters and I was raised to believe it's my duty as an American citizen. (I also think those of us who don't like political extremism of any stripe are needed to balance out the electoral results.)

John Perry in Montgomery

October 25, 2010, 10:46 AM

I say Yes

Everyone registered should vote. I question having people able to vote up to four weeks before the election date without any reason or being able to cast an absentee ballot with any reason.

The polls are open long enough hours and should be staffed so that everyone can vote on election day.

Raymond Miller in Cincinnati

October 25, 2010, 7:25 AM

I say Yes

Without question one of the most important freedoms and responsibilities in America is the right to vote.

One of my biggest concerns however, has been the increasing evidence of an ill informed electorate that does not think for themselves, but merely follow the ideologues and talking heads on TV.

Bob Saul in Montgomery

October 25, 2010, 6:37 AM

I say Yes

I believe it is my duty to learn as much as I can about each individual and proposition, and then vote for the conservative person or proposition.

Name not shown in Montgomery

October 22, 2010, 9:07 AM

I say Yes

I'd never consider not voting. I'm always shocked at the number of people who don't bother.

Name not shown in Montgomery

October 25, 2010, 3:01 PM

I say Yes

Name not shown in Cincinnati

October 25, 2010, 2:12 PM

I say Yes

Name not shown in Montgomery

October 25, 2010, 9:37 AM

I say Yes

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(No statements)

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All Participants who selected 'Neutral'

(No statements)

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All Participants who selected 'Maybe'

(No statements)