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Why is Voting Important to Me?

I always notice people complaining about the people in office and how they want to see a change in the community, but they do nothing to make that change. That sense of laziness makes me want to get up and vote when I am of age. My vote is my choice, my right and I am going to vote when I turn eighteen. I want to be heard and I want my thoughts to show through in the person that I will vote for. Elections allow you to express yourself and it allows you the chance of better representation, an effective government and a fairer chance at life. Many feel as if their vote doesn’t count which in some cases prove to be true, however I believe that citizens should always vote no matter the circumstances. Me personally would take that possibility of making a difference in politics rather not voting at all. The reasons I think voting is important is so simple and evident. First off, it is my right to vote; second, I want to be involved in the changing of our government; lastly, my fellow ancestors fought for my rights and I won’t deny myself the privilege of voting.

As a U.S. citizen, it is my duty to vote. I feel that my opinion matters and I want my opinions heard and noticed. Also, just by seeing who our government is currently controlled by, makes me want to vote even more. When I turn 18, I will finally be able to take action in my government. I take politics very seriously when comes down to my future. It is my country that is going to be changing when the next person takes office, so I want to do my job as a citizen and make living in a America worth it. The person that I nominate, will be the person that I think is best fit to be president, mayor, governor, etc. When it is my time to step up and take the initiative to make a political difference, I will not sit back and watch the elections pass by. Kamala Harris once said, “Children are our nation’s future. We must listen to them about what they care about and give them a voice in our government.”, and I am that ‘child’.

The second reason why, I think I should participate in the electing process of government officials is that I want to be heard. My community needs active leaders to stand up for them, because they can’t or won’t do it for themselves. I care enough to make a difference or at least try. I was raised to speak up when something is wrong, and something is wrong with our governmental system. I know I can’t change the world over night, but I know that by voting I can start the process. Having a voice will take me one step closer to greatness. Donald Trump is currently in office and that says a lot about U.S. leadership. His presidency is a joke to me and that makes me want to do more as a citizen of the United States. Our country is not a reality TV show and we defiantly don’t need Trump starring as ‘U.S. President’.

Lastly, I feel that Voting is important because my African American ancestors fought for so long to gain the right to participate in the political community. I will not take that fight for granted! I look forward to honoring my forefathers at the registration table in two years. They paved the way for every opportunity that I’ve been offered, and I think that going to vote would be one small way to thank them. Not only do I want to vote for them, but I want to do for myself. My future depends on me and I cannot let myself down. I am ready to have a say in the government. The African Americans that have since passed, put me and other blacks in charge of our own affairs. I can honestly say that I appreciate the right to vote.

These are just a few reasons why I think it is important to vote. We are now in a world where a person like me finally has a say. As an African American woman, I am proud to say that I will be voting when I am 18. Blacks had a hard time getting to where we are now and that makes me want to stand up for myself. My thoughts will be heard and voiced through the people that will soon lead this nation. I will not deny myself of my right to vote. Like I said once before, my vote counts. I want to do my part in the making of a stronger political society.