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Why is Voting Important to Me?

Martin Luther King Jr. said, “Voting is the foundation stone for political action.” Voting wasn’t always an option for my race. However, people like Martin Luther King Jr. fought for my right to vote and many other rights. Voting is also a way to express my ideas for the country that I live in. I can’t rely on anyone else to voice my opinions, but me. With people in office like President Donald Trump, it’s peculiar to me as to why citizens would not want to vote on laws, bills, and who is in office. In addition, my actions as a citizen, including voting, influences children’s view on voting. Children are going to be the next leaders and they need to know the importance of voting. Although I am too young to vote, voting is very important to me.

Because of my past ancestors I will be allowed to vote once I’m eight-teen. Voting is my way of saying thankyou to them. African Americans died, were put in jail, and lost family members for people like me. They paved the way for me to be able to include my opinions into the government. Without their braveness and courageous hearts, I may not have the opportunity. Not only did my black ancestors pave the way for my voting rights, but Susan B. Anthony- a women’s rights activist- also played a major role in gaining the right for women to vote. Her passion for women’s rights is something that I am highly grateful for. These post American influencers and activist are my motivation to vote.

The second reason voting is important to me is that it allows me to voice my ideas and opinions on my country. Voting will be a major way for me to express my needs and wants by choosing who will be in office and having a say in law making. Having the option to vote on these topics makes me feel heard. I believe every citizen should be heard so that people can start making a difference in society. With all that is going on in the world I feel that the least I can do is vote. This simple task has the ability to have a great impact. Who knows maybe my one input at the polls could change the world.

Whitney Houston once said, “The children are our future.” I believe in this quote one hundred percent and that is why I am going to vote when I turn eight-teen. Children do everything they see, and I want to inspire them to have a voice in this world. By encouraging the younger generation to vote it will create a domino effect with future generations. It has always been a passion of mine to make a good impact in society. Educating children about voting will positively affect the community. The more they know the more educated their votes and decisions will be once they’re able to vote. I feel like ignorance about the importance of voting is one the reasons for problems in politics so why not start early with informing young people of its importance.

In conclusion, voting will always be an important factor to me as an American citizen. It is the simplest way for me to communicate my vison for the U.S. government. Many people fought for my right to vote. Who am I to not use this right to my advantage. I can’t wait on others to voice my opinions when I could do it myself by voting. One day I may have kids and I want them to know how important their ideas are. I want them to know that every vote counts and how can they know that if I’m not setting an example? With that being said you can count on seeing me at the polls once I am of age.