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Is Voting Important?

“If voting changed anything they’d make it illegal” was once said be Emma Goldmen and I agree with her completely. I know that us African Americans fought hard for the right but voting isn’t my top priority. To some people voting is held high up and it’s a must do but for me I only registered so that I could eventually be appointed for jury duty. I’ve recently turned eighteen and I am expected to vote in the next election but I doubt that will happen unless there are diverse candidates. That may sound racist or prejudice but in my opinion we deserve more than that. There has been over forty Caucasian presidents and only one African American president. We’ve dedicated years to obtaining the right to vote. There should be have been multiple African Americans in office or at least holding high political positions. Voting isn’t important to me because I think that our votes don’t matter, I feel like we are uneducated about the candidates, I am not appealed by the candidates.

The election is based on the electoral college votes. If a candidate has more popular votes they can still lose the election which proves that our votes don’t count. In 2016 Hilary Clinton had over a million more popular votes than Donald Trump and yet he is our president. Let’s say I voted for Hilary and watched the votes pile up on Election Day, I would’ve been heart broken to wake up to Trump as the president. I refuse to waste my time voting because the 2016 incident wasn’t the first time. Andrew Jackson v.s John Quincy Adams, Samuel Tilden v.s Rutherford B Hayes, and Grover Cleveland v.s Benjamin Harrison are just to name a few. Jackson, Tilden, and Cleveland all won the popular vote but apparently failed where is counted. Clearly our votes don’t count so why dedicate ourselves to them?

Typically we are very uneducated about the candidates that we vote for. I’m pretty sure that the people that voted for Trump did not know that he would mouth off on twitter every other week. In all honesty we do not know how someone will as president until they become president. The candidates campaign to tell you what you want to hear, there’s no telling if they will actually be able to accomplish these things while their in office. Trump stated during his campaign that he would build a wall between the United States and Mexico to prevent immigrants. In nearly two years of presidency that wall has not been accomplished and talk of the wall has seized. Everyone will talk to good game to get what they want but it if they can keep their word that’s what matters. I refuse to vote for people I know nothing about if a responsible, trustworthy, dependable candidate comes along then maybe I’ll change my mind.

The most recent election was the 2016 Clinton versus trump. These are two of the most unappealing people to have to vote between. I don’t think that the United States is ready for a female president. We just had our first African-American one and females are still fighting for rights. Even though I feel this way it wouldn’t make me want to vote for Trump. In my opinion Trump is unfit for his position and he has horrible temperament. Both of the candidates aren’t ready for the position which is why in 2016 231 million people did not vote. Voting isn’t a must do especially with candidates like these.

To sum it up voting just isn’t important to me. Popular vote do not decide if the candidate wins which wastes my time. We are uneducated about the candidates which causes the wrong person to win. There aren’t always worthy people to vote between and that just makes the amount of popular votes go down. We fought for a right tomorrow but didn’t understand it. We want being suppressed for so long. We blindly fought for something we were uneducated about. Just remember to “ Never be deceived that the rich will permit you to vote away their wealth” – Lucy Parsons.