

Days are Numbered: Voting to Make Vital Change

In 2012, approximately 145 million out of the United States population voted. Comparatively, the voting turnout in 2016 was around 142 million, waning 3 million, less making a change. The right to vote is the right to make an impact on how we live and take part in decisions that impact our country. People often complain that our educators have too little , or that we have an implicit demand to slow climate change, but the majority who want change often don't vote; these and a plethora of other issues mandate reasons to vote in this upcoming election. Our days maybe numbered to make a change; you have the power- use it in 2020.

The right to vote is the right to make an impact on how we live; we can take part in decisions made by our government by voting. It's our power. *Altamed*, states, "You have the power to decide on the quality of life you desire for yourself and future generations." This means we have the power to make decisions by improving lives now and decades to come. It is imperative to remember every vote counts; our opinion's are small pieces of the bigger picture and though it might not seem like it, your vote matters. ``5 Reasons to Vote' states, "If you don't vote, others will make the decision for you."This underscores that not voting can impact issues affecting your life, because you never took time to give your input. When you don't vote, you lose your voice, and power.

Heaps who desire change don't vote, current issues give a reason to vote. A political article remarks, "Voting is your chance to stand up for the issues you care about, like public transportation, raising the minimum wage, or funding local schools." When we vote, we vote for change on issues in our country. We can take up the power or drop it. Natural disaster intensity has increased 60% from 1998 in climate change's hands. Those serving aren't getting the benefits they deserve either. Vote for the Military campaign indicates, "Our military protects us, but who protects them? YOU are their only defense. YOU can control, through votes and citizen action." Our armed forces are our lifeline. Going out, saving lives, sacrificing themselves for others, they will never know. 2,977 first responders rushed into tumbling towers, 1,607 made it out, left with scars, forever. As of 2018, the APHA confirmed 1,104 first responders have cancer from 9-11. These warriors deserve for their treatments covered by the government, honoring their valence in the name of duty. However, it didn't happen... our vote can change their horizon.

The right to vote is to create an impact on how we live. Complaining about our educators or the pressing dilemma of climate change. Wanting change requires your vote, now more than ever in 2020. You have power, use it to your advantage.