

Your Vote Is Our Future

In 2018, the movie “*Avengers: Infinity War*” became the second most top-grossing movie of the year, making over 600 million dollars. This movie raised quite the buzz on social media thanks to its shocking conclusion- where half of all life on earth, including beloved superhero characters, died. The following year, the film, “*Avengers: End Game*” showed the aftermath of a population cut in half. In these films, half of the ideas, plans, and influence of human beings vanishes from the earth.

You may be asking yourself “*what is this student thinking? Does she think she’s writing for a film blog?*”. No, although that might be fun. I’ve brought up these popular films, because they have something in common with the United States of America 100 years ago- half of the population was exempt from making decisions that affect the future of our country and our world. However, unlike in the world of the Avengers, the half of the population that was affected wasn’t random. Instead, all women got the short end of the stick, and men made all the decisions for the future.

Thankfully, women were granted the right to vote in the United States on August 18th, 1920. The saying goes that “two heads are better than one” and bringing women to the table brought new ideas, attitudes, and viewpoints. Personally, I feel much safer knowing even though I cannot vote, my country’s future is in the hands of men *and* women instead of just one or the other.

Now that voting is a choice extended to all individuals over the age of 18, many consider their vote to be unimportant. However, this is not the case. Every vote can make a difference.

An example of this is the bond passed in the City of Pasco in November of 2017. The bond proposed an increase in property tax in order to pay for 3 new schools and to rebuild a middle school. For the bond to pass, it needed to win by more than 60%. The bond barely passed, with 7 votes making up the difference. Those seven voters represent 0.07% of those that voted on the proposition. Because these 7 voters were thinking of the future, this bond will bless the lives of many children and youth to come.

Just as the world of the Avengers had a brighter future once the lost were restored (as per the ending of “*Avengers: End Game*”) the future of our country is more secure when everyone brings something to the table. Every vote can make a difference; your vote is our future.