## Why Should I Vote?

Voting is one of the most important rights and responsibilities of U.S. citizens. Almost 250 million American citizens are qualified to vote. Unfortunately, many don't. They give up on a chance to choose leaders and representatives who make decisions that affect their lives. Why Vote?

- If nobody votes, it's not a democracy.
- If you do not vote, someone else will make the decisions for you.
- Refusing to vote isn't rebellion. It's surrender.
- Voting is the great equalizer. Everyone gets just one vote.
- Elected officials make important decisions, and they listen to the people who vote.

## **Too Close to Call Elections**

- Richard Nixon, not John F. Kennedy, would have become President of the U.S. in 1960 if one person from each voting place had voted differently.
- 2019: Worthington, OH elected 3 city council representatives in November. ONLY 1 vote separated the 3rd place candidate from the 4th place candidate!
- 2016: A New Mexico state House seat was decided by two votes out of almost 14,000.

*"Every election is determined by the people who show up."* -Larry J. Sabato

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