

# Three Reasons Why Young People Should Vote

## 1. Elected officials will decide your future, so help choose ones whose vision you like.

With every election, people voted into office are given the power to make far-reaching decisions that will impact your life.

Your vote is your voice. It's the only way to have a say in how those issues will affect your life now and in the future.

***If you don't vote, you lose your right to complain.***

- George Carlin, stand-up comedian and social critic

Climate Change  
Racial Equality  
Health Care  
National Debt  
Reproductive Rights  
Student Debt  
Immigration

## 2. Young people are a powerful political force. You need to vote to wield it.



In 2020, Millennials and Generation Z make up 40% of American voters. But in 2016, twice as many voters aged 45-64 voted compared to voters age 18-29.

Older voters will vote for what's important to them. It might not be what's important to you. That means that if you don't vote, older people will be deciding your future for you.

***Not voting is not a protest; it's a surrender.***

- Keith Ellison, American politician and lawyer

## 3. Your vote counts, especially coming from one the country's largest voting groups.

President Barack Obama won in 2008 because of his popularity with young voters in key states. And President Trump won the 2016 presidential election by only 77,744 votes out of the 136 million votes cast.

In an America divided, perhaps more than ever, every vote counts.

***Every vote counts, every race matters, everywhere.***

- Beyonce, singer, dancer, actress.



## It's easier than ever to be an educated voter!

Feel you don't know enough about the candidates? Find a news organization you like and keep up to date. Online and cable news organizations can give you a lot of the information you need, as well as what comes across your social media feeds. Just understand what biases there might be in the reporting and check what you find against reputable news organizations that follow ethical standards to report facts and identify opinion.

### Rock the Vote

(<https://www.rockthevote.org/>)

Uses pop culture, music, art, and technology to engage young people in politics and build their collective power.

### Every Vote Counts

(<https://www.evcnational.org/>)

A student-led, nonpartisan organization dedicated to increasing voter turnout and expanding voter access nationwide.

### Vote411

(<https://www.vote411.org/>)

Election information you need. Register to vote, check your registration status, and find what's on your ballot.