

Make Voting More Convenient, People Will Show

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To the People of the United State of America:

FOR far too long low, voter turnout has been a plague that has rapidly spread across our great nation. As a nation built on freedom, it is expected that the citizens actively partake in the choosing representatives within our democracy. While there are various reasons as to why individuals don't partake in their civic duty, none of them ought to be due to strict government regulations making voting difficult and inconvenient for the common person.

As a core value of the American democracy, voting should be an easy task where eligible citizens can efficiently cast a ballot without a rough process to deter them away. For example, university students who come from out of state need more identification than those voters from in-state which makes the process more complicated. This in effect deters the students from voting in the state of their new home. Once this barrier is removed, more out of state students are likely to exercise their power to vote. For many people, civic engagement is great in theory but when having busy lives voting is just one more thing they have to fit in their schedule. Time and scheduling become extremely critical in the lives of these university students as they have a surplus of opportunities and very limited time. For anyone with a busy life, adding complications is unappealing and unnecessary.

To make the process as easy as possible, all states should allow early voting. While absentee ballots are effective for those who can't make it to the polls on the national voting day, it can be less convenient than just stopping by a polling station. During the official voting day, there can be long lines to wait in and for those who don't have time to spare they can convince themselves that voting that time around isn't necessary. Why restrict the potential voter to a narrow deadline when you could extend that period and make it easier to get a vote in. Having more opportunities will naturally lead to an increased chance of individuals partaking in an action which in this case is voting.

Finally, it ought to be up to the government to inform citizens of the candidates, platforms, and issues. In a society where many citizens are uninformed about current issues, it's illogical and unfair to ask citizens to partake in an event which could change their life for the worse if they make a mistake in their vote. Many might argue that a liberty of the people is to accumulate their own knowledge from their own trusted sources and this remains true. That being said, the potential voters could benefit from a non-partisan governmental organization publishing a piece to inform voters rather than taint them with muddy waters of political persuasion. An informed citizen is a citizen that much more likely to be civically engaged.

The government ought to institute these changes and counteract the spread of inactivity amongst eligible voters. When voting is more convenient due to multiple opportunities and reliable information, citizens will follow through on the less resistant path. An easier process is a greater encouraging and therefore higher outcome.

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