

What My Vote Means to Me

Voting is a crucial method for a group of people to let politicians who are in office know how you feel about their performance and policies. Voting causes better representation and a better quality of life. For me to vote will mean that I have had a say into a decision that will affect the future of others, I have vocalized what I want and believe in, and have had the opportunity to participate in an event that not all were allowed to participate in.

My vote to me will mean that I have had a say into a decision that will affect the futures of not only myself, but others. For example, education and healthcare are affected by our votes. Recently, lawmakers voted on 11 priority education bills that expanded access to higher education, and funded full-day kindergarten in Oregon.

Voting to me will also mean that I have vocalized what I want and what I believe in. For example, if I desire to have stricter gun laws, I can vote someone into office who has provided an assurance of stricter gun laws. Martin Luther King made a huge impact after his “I Have a Dream” speech in 1963. He spoke up for what he believed in as an African American, creating equal rights for all and helped set the tone for the civil rights movement which changed the history of our nation.

Lastly, my vote to me will mean that I have had the opportunity to partake in the event that neither blacks nor women were allowed to participate in. As a black woman, the sacrifices of my predecessors, makes this an especially important privilege to have. In 1920, after the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment, our nation was forever changed because this gave African American women the right to vote.

So, what will my vote mean to me? My vote to me will represent the true meaning of equality. Even though I may have a small voice, my one small voice can make a change not only for me, but for America.