

What My Vote Will Mean to Me

The privilege to vote is a fundamental right woven throughout the Constitution of the United States of America. Numerous amendments work towards extending this ability to all citizens. Because of the right to vote, I can influence what happens in our government, express my opinion, and take action instead of complaining.

To me, my vote will mean I can take action. Everyone seems to have something to say, especially when it comes to politics. Many just complain, and few do anything about it. My vote will be a way for me to actively participate in our government. Doing so doesn't have to be a full-time job; it can be as simple as submitting a ballot. If a voter refuses their vote, then they pass up their ability to enact change on the issues they so often debate.

Because of my vote, I will express my opinion. A ballot gives citizens the ability to convey themselves and give their honest input on major political decisions, especially those that determine who will represent them. No one has the power to decide where anyone else's vote will go. They can try to persuade, but the final decision depends on each voter.

My right to vote means I can influence our government. So many citizens reject their right to vote under the assumption that it doesn't matter. Maybe their vote only counts as one person, but it still counts as a whole vote. A Virginia election was determined by drawing a name from a bowl after the votes were tied. One vote would have made the entire difference here. Each vote matters. My vote means that I matter in our government.

Thanks to the right to vote, I will act to express my opinion and participate in our government. This ability is one of the many blessings enjoyed by citizens in the United States that isn't found in every country. It is our responsibility to utilize this privilege and keep our government running in the way it was designed. I am excited for the day I will finally get to submit my ballot.