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In a world where one vote could change the course of history, one could say every vote matters. Civic engagement is a phrase we should all be defined as volunteering or voting for the greater good of our country. Making sure that we vote not as a result of the outcome of the election, but because we care. We have to care so much about our country, so much that less than half of the young population votes is dismissible.

Most Marian students are aware of the importance of voting, but not all have been able to vote until the 19th Amendment was passed in 1920. For students of color, the date was pushed back to 1964 when the Voting Rights Act was passed. We all have a responsibility to vote, not only for ourselves, but for the millions of women for whom this right was not found.

The concept of civic engagement should be of utmost importance now more than ever, because our civil liberties are constantly being curbed in the name of obedience. We, as citizens, should want to participate in political activity that further the advancement of our country. We need to be more aware of what is going on around us.

This means going to local protests, city hall, and other government meetings. Social movements are the way we can see our country. There have been so many different social movements since our parents’ and grandparents’ adolescence. This isn’t the America our parents grew up in.

We are allowed to choose our own political routes. We don’t have to follow the political footsteps of our parents. Our world is becoming more and more accepting towards different political views. By doing things such as voting, volunteering, and being active in our community, we can start improving the country.

Many young eligible voters don’t even know how to register. It’s as easy as going to the DMV, or doing it by mail or online.

People should make sure to register within a month of their 18th birthday, because the primaries/caucuses are within months reach.

The end of our nation’s democracy summarizes the attitude we should have with civic engagement, “the land of the free, and the home of the brave”. If we are more brave and push for more civic engagement, than we are actively making our country more free. All it takes is to get informed, educated, and involved.

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I think they should get paid if other people are using their name to profit from merchandise, but otherwise their scholarships should act like their payments.