

Voting in the United States was established 221 years ago, yet our voter turnout is so low. People all over the world are currently fighting to vote for the people that will some day lead them and we have had the opportunity for many years, but there are still so many people who do not take advantage of their rights. There are also many people in the United States who complain about how our government is run, but so many of those people do not take the chance to even vote for the person they think has the best solutions for the numerous problems that exist or for the person who they think best fits the position. If we want to have a bigger voter turnout or make the people's choice more fair, we have to make sure every, single person votes.

It was decided that the United States should have compulsory voting to increase voter turnout. If everyone who is a citizen, that is of age, in the United States votes, then obviously the voter turnout will increase. One question the public may have is how the government shall enforce this enactment. It was thought about and the ultimate decision is that a fine will apply to anyone who is able to vote and does not. It was also decided that the fine will be \$300. If someone is unable to pay their fine in full, it can be paid in installments. This fine isn't intended to make anyone's life harder, but is to enforce the fact that everyone exercises their rights to the fullest potential.

Of course we want voter turnout to increase, but why else should voting be mandatory? Well, as said in the introductory paragraph, many people do not agree with the way the government is run and there are more people complaining than there are people voting. If everyone is made to vote then the candidate who wins will truly have most of the populations vote and not just most of the 41.6% (McDonald, 2011) of people in the United States that vote. If more people are voting, then there are more people who actually want that specific candidate in office.

Many people might want to know how they manage to vote if they cannot make it out to the polls. This has also been thought over and some possible solutions have been brought forward. People who cannot make it to the polls can: mail in their vote or even vote online. When people send in their vote through one of these methods, their contact information will be taken to be sure that that specific person voted. All votes and contact information will be kept confidential; no one will know who you vote for and your contact information will not be given to any organizations. If a person who has voted using one of these methods somehow still receive a fine, they can fight it with evidence that they have voted, but didn't vote at the polls. With mail-in voting, there will be a proof of voting sent to the voter after their ballot is received by the government and after people vote online an e-mail stating that their vote was received will be sent to the voter. Both of these things can be used as evidence against the fine.

There are also options for people who are terminally ill, bed-ridden, in the hospital and people who are abroad. For the terminally ill, bed-ridden and people in the hospital, a form has to be submitted excusing these people or if they are able to, they can submit their vote by mail or online. For people who are unable to submit their vote, their doctors or care-givers can submit their form excusing them from voting and the fine will not be applied. For people who are going abroad, they will also be a questionnaire that they will have to fill out. Questions that will appear on the questionnaire include things such as how long they will be out of the United States. They will also need evidence that they have traveled/been abroad during election day in order to be exempt from the fine.

Workplaces have to inform their workers of up-coming election dates. Employees who work long hours will have less of a chance of being notified of voting day and therefore, since most of their time is spent in their workplace, their workplace should be the ones to notify them of voting day. The methods to get the information to the employees are up to the coordinators of that specific workplace, but if employees are not notified by the workplace of voting dates, the workplace will be fined \$1000. The fine is applied to be sure that the people who run the workplace understand that the fact they inform their workers about voting dates is important. The fine is in place to enforce this action.

All in all, it's just important that everyone exercises their rights. Rights are established in the United States so people can have freedom and are independent. Voting is established so that United States citizens can pick their leaders and be sure that the country is run like they want it to be, so they have a choice in how everything works. When people do not exercise their right to vote, it's like they are saying that they deny their rights to have a choice and that they do not care how their government is run. Overall, we just want more Americans to care. We want more people to feel like they are independent and that every citizen is listened to.

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