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“By voting we add our voice to the Chorus that forms opinions and the basis for actions' ”
By Jens StoltenBerg. Voting is an act that is made to give or register a vote, and has been established in the United States for many years. Until 1919 everyone in America who was twenty and older could vote, but when the vietnam war started, young man or people who were pressured into fighting in the vietnam war and due to the fact of them being under 21 the original age that was eligible to vote, young men started to protest that if they were allowed to fight i such young age, that they would also have to right to vote so in 1971 Senator Ted Kennedy suggested lowering the official age (21) to a lower age nationally. Fast forward to 2023 the initial vote rate has skyrocketed, the reason is because young voters urge for more changes, and this has also helped reshape the political climate.

Initially the the significance of the high number of young voters in the 2022 Midterm elections means that young people want their voice to be heard and they want to see more changes. As stated in “2022 Election: Young Voters Have High Midterm Turnout, Influence Critical Races” “Elections are a valuable opportunity for young people across the country to make their voices heard, support action on issues they care about, and grow as active voters and leaders in our democracy” (2022 Election: Young Voters Have High Midterm

Turnout, Influence Critical Races, para 1.) This demonstrates one of many reason that young people and voters are increasing is du to the fact that they want to see a changes and more growths in the environments they live in today and they want their voices to be heard

Recently in the United States gun violences in the United States is increasing, same as for racial injustice against people of color, climate change, something that can lead to the temperature getting hotter and diseases traveling faster, and deforestation, some of the reasons why young people of today are urging “2022 Election: Young Voters Have High Midterm Turnout, Influence Critical Races” “That increase in youth voting was part of a trend of increased activism and civic engagement by young people who played—and continue to play—a leading role in movements to combat climate change, gun violence, and racial injustice.” (2022 Election: Young Voters Have High Midterm Turnout, Influence Critical Races, para 3.) This reveals that young people are voting are increasing because they would like to see more changes and not only that but help save their environment.

Additionally, the increase of voters not only means seeing more changes, and this increasingly high amount of young voters voting has also helped reshape the political climate in many ways . As stated by PBS NewsHour “This midterm cycle, young voters turned out in historic numbers and helped Democrats stave off the Republican red wave.” (Yan, Khan, 2022, para 1.) This shows how not only the amount of young voters are increasing but they are also helping reshape the political climate, even helping political parties.

Finally to sum up all that has been stated so far the high numeric changes in the amount of young voter has not only affects politics and this country in great ways, but it is also helping to reshape political climate, and this country, and it will allow the upcoming one to have a greater, safer and a better future. It will also help the younger generation to raise their voices and

so it can be heard, and decrease climate change, and the amount of violence especiall gun violence and help reduce the amount of racism towards non people of color.

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Writing Rubric

	Exceeds Expectations (4)	Meets Expectations (3)	Approaching Expectations (2)	Not Yet (1)	(0)
Analysis and Inferences	Full comprehension of ideas stated explicitly and inferentially by providing an accurate analysis	Comprehension of ideas stated explicitly and inferentially by providing a mostly accurate analysis	Basic comprehension of ideas stated explicitly and inferentially by providing a generally accurate analysis	Limited comprehension of ideas stated explicitly and inferentially by providing a minimally accurate analysis	No comprehension of ideas by providing an inaccurate or no analysis
Addressing the Prompt	Addresses the prompt and provides full development of the claim or topic that is appropriate to purpose, task, and audience	Addresses the prompt and provides mostly effective development of the claim or topic that is mostly appropriate to purpose, task, and audience	Addresses the prompt and provides some development of the claim or topic that is somewhat appropriate to purpose, task, and audience	Addresses the prompt and provides some development of the claim or topic that is limited in its appropriateness to purpose, task, and audience	Underdeveloped and is not appropriate to audience, purpose, or task
Evidence and Reasoning	Uses clear reasoning supported by relevant text-based evidence in the development of the claim or topic	Uses mostly effective reasoning supported by relevant text-based evidence in the development of the claim or topic	Uses some reasoning supported by relevant text-based evidence in the development of the claim or topic	Uses little reasoning supported by inaccurate or no text-based evidence in the development of the claim or topic	Uses no reasoning and no evidence
Writing and Style	Is effectively organized with clear and coherent writing and style	Is mostly organized with a mostly coherent writing and style	Is somewhat organized with a somewhat coherent writing and style	Demonstrates limited organization or coherence	No organization or coherence
Grammar and Mechanics	Demonstrates full command of language and conventions. The meaning is clear. Proper APA citation is used.	Demonstrates full command of language and conventions. There may be a few minor errors, but the meaning is clear. Proper APA citation is mostly used.	Demonstrates some command of language and conventions. There may be few errors that sometimes impede understanding, but the meaning is generally clear. Proper APA citation is not consistent or is inaccurate.	Demonstrates little command of language and conventions. Many errors impede understanding. APA citation is not used or is inaccurate.	No command of language and conventions. Cannot understand writing. No attempt at APA citation.

Comments: I appreciate the timely submission of the assignment and the sources that you cited to advance your position. I question the information in the first paragraph in terms of “until 1919 ...” because it is not accurate as written. I also appreciate the thesis statement but wonder if it would not be more powerful if it had examples of the “changes” and a brief explanation of how

the young vote in the 2022 mid-term elections may reshape the political climate. Why were young people voting? I see that you mentioned some of them, but what caused them now to vote? I wondered also why you only cited two sources in support of your arguments. The essay was far below the 1500 word count, so I wonder if more detail could have been added. The citation form is not accurate and this is a skill that you should have mastered, though I appreciate the References page formatting.