

## My Voice In the America's Democracy

Americans over the age of 18 can vote, they use voting to voice their opinion in America's democracy. But as a student what is my voice in America's democracy? As a middle school student, I'm just a 7th grader. In California, young people are taking strong roles in leading "Get out the Vote" drives are trying to get larger voting turnouts. In North Carolina students at Duke university have researched why voter turnouts have been low. This might be because in school today's politics are very hard to discuss because everyone has a different opinion.

When people get old enough to vote they might not have a full idea of what voting is. They may not even know what Democracy is. So I think that once teenagers hit high school they should start talking about politics. I don't mean that teachers should share their political beliefs. I believe that once high schoolers get to their senior year they should show them how to prepare to vote. There are many websites that are being created to help people vote for the first time. These websites tell them where and when to vote or other things like early voting and voting through mail. So I think in high school teachers should just go over a brief summary. They could go over things like why people should vote and why they should vote.

My voice in America's democracy is smaller than some adults but that doesn't mean I don't have one. I use democracy every day. I participate in many sports and activities out of school and you need leadership on a team just like you need in America's democracy. I have been asked by a coach to help be a leader to my teammates. I need to take on responsibility like that and I need to be a good role model. In the sport I participate in we vote on things like the team name. Just like in America's democracy, when someone goes to vote for someone you are looking for that person to be a good leader and a good role model for our country.

So go do something to make a difference that can include cleaning up trash or even volunteering. Try and make a positive impact on the world.