

Leo's Lance

Why Should I Vote?

by Leo Copeland

I know a lot of people who are not only disillusioned over the candidates we have to choose from for a president this year, but are down right mad about it.

This is not the first election I have wished I could be like some other citizens who are totally in support of one candidate, thinking he will be the one who will solve the problems of our country and bring us back to a prosperous economy, and put God back into the public eye.

Realistically I think, (a) they will not even try to keep all the promises they make to get elected, and, (b) Congress won't let them do all they plan to do, anyhow..

So why should I vote? In my opinion both candidates are flawed, and one of them stirs my anger by his arrogance, and I have some concern over both men's religious beliefs.

I should vote because this is a fundamental right of our free society. Our state and nation has given us the opportunity to have a say in who runs our government. Think about the nations who don't have this right. The only way they can depose a ruler is through a bloody rebellion. We can vote him out. Or even better, we can vote a better one in. If I don't vote I have no right to gripe or complain about the way my country is run.

I hear people say, "It don't do any good to vote because they are going to put the person in office they want in office." Now wait a minute. Who is this "They" we are talking about?

I'll tell you who it is. It is the people who vote. The ones who have the majority of votes.

As a Christian, I am concerned about direction a lot of laws are leading us away from our Christian heritage. What has happened? The people who don't believe in God and those who are deluded into thinking wrong is right, have pushed their agenda and voted in people who will agree or will be coerced into passing laws which favor their beliefs.

Now, what happens if a Christian doesn't vote and a godless person does? Who gets the advantage in the electoral system? Who gets their person in office? The one who voted.

If we really want this country to be a Christian Nation, Christian people need to rally their forces and get out and vote for what they believe in.

Since we only have two people to choose from in this election, we should pick the person who best represents our beliefs and put him in office.

If the unbelievers outnumber the Christians they may outvote us, and we will live in a less godly country, but our voice can still be heard. What we need to do is get busy and make Christians out of some of them. Remember, God is on the side of right, and He will not be defeated in the final analysis.

I have to face the fact that I am not perfect. Don't laugh, you aren't perfect, either. We are all flawed and we know it. Why, then should we look for a perfect President?

Since the president is our leader he should at least try to be better than the average man, but I know he won't achieve perfection. So it is my job, my duty as a voter to pick the man I feel comes closest to representing the issues I believe in and vote him into office. At the same time, my vote cancels the vote of one voting for the other candidate.

As Christians, we've sat on our hands and let the opposition have its way. It is time we asserted ourselves and got out there and voted.



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