The Case for Early Voting in 2020

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Early voting is not necessarily a new thing in the American political system. Absentee ballots have been used since the Civil War to let soldiers vote while away from home, and that system has since been expanded to allow citizens to vote by mail for a number of reasons. However, things are quite different around the world today with the global pandemic. Early voting by mail and in-person has increased sharply from last year, with some estimates saying that six times as many voters have cast their ballots since the same time in 2019, for a total of 26 million votes. NPR has compiled a list of other trends that have become apparent since early voting began.

Firstly, Democrats make up the majority of early voters, weighing in at 59%, while 36% of votes have been cast by Republicans. Secondly, voters above the age of 50 have cast 70% of those votes, and hundreds of thousands of younger voters have voted alongside them. Six times as many African American voters have voted early compared to the last presidential election.

Secondly, confidence in the electoral process is down based on President Donald Trump's rhetoric on the matter. Two years ago, 85% of registered voters were confident that the election would be sound, but that number has since dropped to 62%. NPR states that this decrease is caused by Trump supporters. half don't think the election will be administered well, and over half think absentee ballots will be incorrectly counted.

Thirdly, long lines and computer problems are already a problem. Many voters have had to wait several hours to vote in some states, and some polling places have completely shut down as a result of computer glitches. Some voters have had to wait as long as four hours, but many precincts that experienced long wait times when early voting started have since improved.

Lastly, the increase in mail-in ballot requests has resulted in increased administrative mistakes and printing errors. Many counties have reported sending out thousands of ballots with mistakes, but those same counties are working quickly to fix those errors well ahead of early voting deadlines. The president has tried to use isolated examples like these to demonstrate that the entire vote-by-mail system is fraudulent, but clerical and administrative issues happen in every election of any scale.

If you have not voted, it is imperative that you exercise your constitutional right as an American citizen and do so. A simple visit to vote.org should give you all the information you need to vote early, right on time, or by absentee ballot.

WFP Awarded Nobel Prize

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It is around that time of Fall when Nobel Prizes are awarded. These are among the most prestigious awards anyone could get. One of those Prizes was awarded to the World Food Programme of the United Nations “for its efforts to combat global hunger,” according to the Norwegian Nobel committee. The WFP beats some favorites like the World Health Organization (WHO), UNHCR and the climate activist Greta Thunberg.

The WFP has had for mission to eradicate food insecurity, provide food assistance and improve overall nutrition everywhere. Two thirds of work done by the WFP is in conflict affected countries where people are three times more likely to be undernourished than those living in countries without conflicts. Because of the nature of the work, UN institutions do, they have received a fifth of all the Nobel peace prizes awarded in the 21st century.

The announcement was made by the chair of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, Berit Reiss-Andersen, she said the decision was made with the goal to “turn the eyes of the world to the millions of people who suffer from or face the threat of hunger.” She also added that hunger was used as a “weapon of war and conflict”.

The award was a call to the international community to help the UN agency adequately and sustainably in order to ensure people were not starving. She said the WFP would have been a worthy recipient of the prize without the coronavirus pandemic. But the virus had strengthened the reasons for giving it to the WFP, especially in this time of global crisis the need for “multilateralism” is important.

“it’s a very important UN organization. The UN plays a key role in upholding human rights,” she said, adding “food is one of our most basic needs.”
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Whether it’s in a college dorm or a trendy Japanese restaurant, ramen has become a well-known dish throughout the United States. From a quick glance, the dish looks surprisingly simple with just noodles in a soup with an assortment of toppings like fish cake or pork. So why can this seemingly simple dish be a refreshing dinnertime experience, or maybe some eggs and sweet corn for a pleasant lunchtime meal. Another aspect that’s often forgotten in quick homemade ramen is the dishes. Fried chicken, bacon, and chili pepper are easy ways to add flavor complexity to any ramen meal in only a few seconds.

Cooking is the culinary art, and art is ultimately about self expression. One should never be afraid to try new things and customize their ramen to their own personal tastes. One of my favorite augmentations to the Maruchan packets is what I call Breakfast Ramen. Bring by bringing water to a boil and poaching my egg with a tablespoon of soy sauce and a few ounces of thinly sliced cheese (preferably a white cheese, appropriate for an omelette like gruyere). Once the water is boiling, crack an egg by cracking open an egg and swirling the water while letting the egg cook for four minutes. Afterwards, take the poached egg out from the water and let it rest in the bowl with a flavor profile that can be found in an American diner.

The broth is generally derived from chicken or pork bones, but many modern ramen broths can be vegetable based as well. This is absolutely the biggest game changer of the four ingredients. The difference between an instant ramen broth and a slow-cooked, homemade broth is immediately apparent. However the time commitment to make a large home stock is certainly daunting, but real stock is an undemanding reason why instant ramen cannot come close to matching restaurant variants. The flavor base of the ramen is often what lends to the names of the dishes. Shoyu ramen is generally ramen using a soy sauce base, while tonkatsu ramen uses a heavy pork base and miso ramen use miso for their flavor base. The toppings are what separate the quick ramen snacks from the Instagram worthy meals. A mix of pork, green onions and mushrooms can make the ramen feel like an actual, full meal instead of the bandaid snack towards your next dinner. After all, why not customize your own ramen experience? Squid and seaweed can be a refreshing dinnertime experience, or maybe some eggs and sweet corn for a pleasant lunchtime meal. Another aspect that’s often forgotten in quick homemade ramen is that quick fried chicken, bacon, and chili pepper are easy ways to add flavor complexity to any ramen meal in only a few seconds.

The flavor base and broth are largely covered by the dry packets of instant ramen packs, but are lacking complexity and depth to say the least.

The noodles are traditionally wheat noodles that are yellowed through use of alkaline water. While it can be fun to make your own noodles, there’s nothing wrong with making noodles from a store. However, the taste of fresh ramen and udon noodles are unmistakable made noodles from a store. However, the taste of fresh ramen and udon noodles are unmistakable. The best ramens will elevate each component of the ramen to their maximum potential.

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ACROSS
1. Nocturnal bird
2. Small ugly creature
6. Common Halloween catchphrase
10. Burial site
12. Large hairy spider
13. Scary word
14. Witch’s laugh
15. Sharp tooth of a vampire or werewolf
16. Spooky scary
18. Sweet treats
19. Witchy connection

DOWN
1. Month of Halloween
3. Halloween color
4. Opposite of day
5. Magical phrase
7. Sticky fibers created by spider
8. Carved pumpkin
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Imperfect Democracy

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In Europe, the Enlightenment philosophers defined the basis of democracy. With the ideas of social independence coming from the Social Contract of Jean-Jacques Rousseau and the separation of power from the Spirit of Laws of Montesquieu. These concepts paved the way for contemporary democracy in Europe and the world. The goal was to give the general population the ability to decide the laws and policies of their society.

Unfortunately, the concept of democracy was a utopia. Whether it is for what democracy stands for or how it is applied, people have always had to fight for it. From Socrates in Antiquity, James Madison, a Founding Father to contemporary democracies in Europe. These concepts paved the way for contemporary democracy in Europe and the world.

In Antiquity, Socrates was against democracy. His views tend to favor aristocracy. Plato declared democracy to be a form of government capable of leading to disorder and disruption. For him, the intellect and the ideas of a population governed by it are a virtual danger. Plato views democracy as the private, individual citizen's ability to decide what is right in his own eyes, and no man's life or property or reputation will be safe and secure. Plato also follows his reasoning, his critique of democracy is that democracy does not place a premium on wisdom and knowledge seeking as an inherent good, much like timocracy and oligarchy. Plato views democracy as the final step in the inevitable descent into tyranny for societies undergoing political decay. Plato makes a coherent contention that democracies are susceptible to "tyranny of the majority" and rule by demagogues.

In America, Democracy has the Founding Fathers as first critics. James Madison, a Founding Father to the Republic. Democracy has been a controversial idea contrary to today's perception of it. In Antiquity, Socrates was against the idea of a population governed by itself. Democracy, which is a charming form of government, full of variety and self. In America, Democracy has the Federalist expressed his fear in Federalist No. 10: "Democracies have ever been spectacles of turbulence and contention; have ever been found incompatible with personal security or the rights of property and have in general been as short in their lives as they have been violent in their deaths. In the late 18th century, rule by the people thought to lead to disorder and disruption. In 1807, John Adams wrote: 'Democracy, will soon degenerate into anarchy, such an anarchy that every man will do what is right in his own eyes, and no man's life or property or reputation or liberty will be safe and secure. One of these will soon mould itself into a system of subordination of all the moral virtues, and intellectual abilities, all the powers of wealth, beauty, wit, and science, to the wanton pleasures, the capricious will, and the execrable cruelty of one or a few few.'

In Europe, Nietzsche argued that the democratic movement is not only a decay of political organization but also a form of man's diminishment, the diminishment of man's value and worth through having made man mediocre. According to French syndicalist Hubert Lagardelle, syndicalism comes from the reaction of the proletariat against democracy. It fights against the popular form of bourgeois dominance created by democracy. The political scientist Robert Michel stated that a democracy cannot exist without organization and "organization which gives birth to the domination of the elected over the electors, of the mandators over the mandates, of the delegates over the delegates. Who says organization, says oligarchy."

Although democracy has been controversial, it has grown through the 18th and 19th Centuries. Bringing a stable political environment and uninterrupted economic growth. Democracy is not perfect, but it is the one that has brought the most advanced social and economic outcomes. Winston Churchill said that "No one pretends that democracy is perfect or all-wise. Indeed, it has been said that democracy is the worst form of government except all other forms that have been tried from time to time."
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Remember when all there was to watch was the Tampa Bay Rays? Now Charlie Morton and the World Series would happen. When they chased him out as a free agent before last season, their front office did not present to him this precise scenario — an unprecedented path to the World Series, with him leading the way.

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“Hey man you do what you want, I took my pants off for a reason”
- Roommate

“Blah blah blah commercials, buy these… Look! McBSP’s!”
- Dr. Estrada

“Birth is bloody and horrible. I think."
- Dr. Hill

“If you get zero over zero, then you need to go to the hospital.”
- Dr. Jensen

“To err is human, to check is engineer. Anyone can make mistakes but it takes boldness to find them and fix them.”
- Dr. Grigg

Did you or a friend say something hilarious or just great out of context? Did you hear something confusing or funny on your jaunt about the fine halls of this institution? We want to hear about it! Send your quotes with who said it to suppmg@rose-hulman.edu or fill out this nifty google form: https://goo.gl/forms/bB339s6CeGiHebygYt1

Did You Know…

That the last time you got to me and I forgot about to you to see if I can make it tomorrow morning I get a hold of her if she can do anything else that I could do for it tomorrow or so if I need anything else please let us know what time I can come over to the place and I’ll let you know when we can do that it would work better thanks thank y’all so I’m gonna have a nice day I have a good time to talk with y’all.

BREAKING NEWS!!
Local man decides that chocolate milk is just not that good!!

In the most shocking thing since I found out I wasn’t the father, a local man has claimed that choccy milk isn’t good. He says that after years of indoctrination, his eyes were suddenly opened. He was drinking a YooHoo when he stopped and looked at the label. In the fine print, it read: not made from chocolate cows. At this point, the man knew his parents had lied to him as a kid, and now his liking towards that good good choccy milk has completely dissipated. It really is a shame when one loses there love for the good things in life.

TOP TEN Alternative timelines that are better than 2020

1. The one timeline that Dr. Strange saw where they won
2. The one where cloning is perfected and Chris Evans volunteers
3. The one where Jim Conwell is President of the United States
4. The one where anime cat girls are real
5. The one where my headaches are cured
6. The one where Wyoming exists
7. The one where Republicans won the 200 A.D. elections of the Roman Senate
8. The one where Ohio isn’t the second shittiest US state behind Missouri
9. The one where William Harrison was president for longer than like 3 hours
10. The won where Canada won the war of 1812
11. The one where Corona is still just a beer :(
12. The one where memes can talk
13. The one where anime is illegal
14. The one where Russians are afraid of bears
15. The one where Friends is funny
16. The one where Kids is funny
17. The one where all drugs are legal and encouraged except bath salts, cuz those are just awful
18. The one where Rose has a 50/50 male/female ratio
19. The one where the drinking age is 18 and the draft is 21
20. The one where all college textbooks are free
21. The one where she didn’t take the kids
22. The one where your dad comes back from cigarettes and milk after an hour instead of 18 years
23. The one where we have spaghetti for hair and every eats their own hair

This Meme of the Week, we will honor the late Ruth Bader Gainsburg

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