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Voting is nothing short of a basic human right. However, our country has not always upheld that ideal. While the ability to make decisions for elected officials used to be restricted to land-owning white men, this is not the case anymore. First, women like Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton pioneered the suffragette movement, which gave women like them the right to vote. Afterwards, African Americans, such as Martin Luther King, fought to allow African Americans and, in turn, all U.S. citizens, a fair chance to vote. Unfortunately, however, many have misused this right. Either due to misinformation or just pure laziness, many prospective voters end up throwing away this right by making poor decisions or just not voting. When I can first vote, in November of 2022, I will ensure that my hard-fought constitutional right will not go to waste. Politicians often make false promises. Some swear to bring back all jobs, while others pledge to lower America's debt while lowering taxes as well. While it is obvious that this is all sensationalist talk, it is incredibly difficult to avoid. Either consciously or subconsciously, these erroneous "guarantees" often seep into a voter's mind and influence the vote on Election Day. Thus, to avoid falling prey to over-exaggerated assurances, I will read about what action the politician has made so far. If he or she is a senator, congressman, or state legislator, I will look up voting records and legislation introduced, along with committee membership. If he or she is a governor or mayor, I will look at bills introduced or executive orders made, as well as cabinet appointments and other gubernatorial duties. If he or she is a political outsider, I will carefully weigh his or her qualifications. While I, myself, will make an informed vote when I am able to, I am aware that others may not. Thus, it is my civic duty to ensure that my peers are knowledgeable about specific stands on issues and, as stated above, action made when in previous office. Whenever I hear comments that have no basis in evidence, I will ensure that whoever makes the comment understands that the claim is unreasonable, and I will correct them. In my high school career, I plan on creating a website to cover numerous elections across the country with unbiased reporting. Our predecessors have fought tirelessly so that we can make decisions for our elected officials. We have to use this right!