It Is Time to Vote

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In 1776, Americans declared their freedom from tyranny and slavery. Now, almost 250 years later, Americans will decide whether to continue enjoying their freedoms or become slaves again but under the tyrannical government of socialism.

November 5th could easily become another **Day of Infamy** if we do not vote to keep our freedoms and democracy.

We need to put aside the rhetoric from all candidates and look at their backgrounds and actions. No matter what they say, their stripes cannot change. The only constants to judge which candidate will best serve the needs of our nation and Americans (not illegal immigrants or others who have no legal status as US citizens) include:

- Past actions and their impact on the US and American citizens
- Education that supports the moral and ethical attributes of good US citizenship
- Faith in our constitution and following its laws instead of trying to circumvent them
- Faith in God, and the American way of life.
- A deep loyalty to our nation and its citizens and not putting non-citizens or political and social groups ahead US citizens

While it is easy to "pull the party lever" when you vote it is a disservice to you, your family, your community and your nation. Pulling the lever is just a simple way for you to surrender the freedom, privilege, and right to vote responsibly.

If, by now, you are still sitting on the fence, or it you have not given equal attention and consideration to the opposing candidates, you need to stay home and not vote. You have procrastinated in your decision-making until it is too late to make an informed decision and vote accordingly.

Since 1773, Americans for all generations since have fought for your right to be selfgoverned. You enjoy the freedoms they fought for.

> Voting is a privilege and a responsibility Take it as seriously as anything that will impact you life.