

My Voice In Democracy

When some people think of the future, they think of flying cars or living in space. When I think of the future, I think of my future jobs like owning a café, becoming a singer or being a gymnast. These are things I can dream about because our government is a democracy. The word democracy actually comes from the Greek. Demos means ‘the people’ and kratia means ‘power or rule’ (Dahl et al.). So together democracy means a system of government where the power is vested in the people. I believe that my involvement in our nations democracy at my young age is important because it prepares me for a future in leadership, and protects the things I find important.

While I might be too young to vote today, that won’t always be the case. The day will come when my voice and the voice of my friends will be heard. One way I can be heard is by voting, a right given to us by our founding fathers. I can participate when I am older by becoming part of my local government, or even running for a political office. Maybe even becoming president one day!

Although I cannot vote now, there are still many ways I can contribute to my democracy. Such as student council, volunteering for community service, or joining clubs like the Patriotic Students of America. Other ways I can get involved is writing to my congressman about things I think are important, making a visit to my local government, and learning everything I can about our democracy.

It is important for my friends and I, as America’s youth, to be involved now and in the future because the decisions made now will not only affect the things I find important but also affect the lives of our children and future generations. It is important to participate in our democracy because it can influence whether or not I will have a successful career.

If we look at the countries around us, not everyone enjoys the freedoms we have, or the ability to participate in the process of choosing their leaders. This freedom came at a cost, many brave people gave their lives fighting for this right. I am grateful for all the lives dedicated to fighting for our freedoms. In conclusion, democracy is not just for adults, my friends and I have a lot to learn as we prepare for our future voice in democracy.

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