

# So You're Not Going to Vote

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So you're not going to vote, huh? You say your **ONE VOTE** is not going to make any difference among all those thousands.

Well, we have news for you: It just might make a difference. Down through history, some pretty important things have been decided by just **ONE VOTE**. For example:

**By ONE VOTE:** Adolph Hitler won leadership of the German Nazi Party in 1923.

**By ONE VOTE:** Congress saved the U.S. Army from instant collapse by voting on August 12, 1941, to extend the Selective Service Act of 1940 (about to lapse) for another 18 months, less than 4 months before the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

**By ONE VOTE:** A Texas convention voted for Lyndon B. Johnson over ex-Governor Coke Steven in a contested senatorial election in 1948.

**By ONE VOTE:** Thomas Jefferson won the American presidency over Aaron Burr when the election was thrown into the House of Representatives.

**BY ONE VOTE:** Women won the right to vote in 1920 when Tennessee became the 36<sup>th</sup> state to ratify the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment because one Tennessee legislator, 24-year-old Harry Burn, changed his vote at the insistence of his elderly mother.

**By ONE VOTE:** Myrlie Evers-Williams was elected chair of the NAACP Board of Directors.

**By ONE VOTE:** John Quincy Adams became President in a dead-lock between Adams and Andrew Jackson in 1824.

**By ONE VOTE:** Rutherford B. Hayes became President over Samuel Tilden in 1876.

**By ONE VOTE:** Charles I of England was executed in 1649.

**By ONE VOTE:** President Andrew Johnson was saved from impeachment.

**By ONE VOTE:** The English language was chosen over German for America in 1775.

**By ONE VOTE:** Washington, Oregon, and Idaho became a part of the United States.

**By ONE VOTE:** France was changed from a monarchy to a republic in 1875.

If one more person in ten Cook County (Illinois) precincts had voted for Richard M. Nixon in 1960, John F. Kennedy would not have been elected president.

**So your vote does count. Don't waste it by staying home.**

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[www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org), [www.womenvotepa.org](http://www.womenvotepa.org), [www.dnet.org](http://www.dnet.org)

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