

VOTING & THE FUTURE OF OUR REPUBLIC

"All that is required for evil to succeed is for good men (and women) to do nothing." – Edmund Burke

The election of August 1, 2024 should be a wake-up call to all Tennesseans.

Let us understand some basic numbers:

- There are roughly 7.1 million Tennesseans, 5.4 million of voting age, of which 4.6 million are registered to vote. This works out to 85% of Tennesseans of voting age are registered to vote.
- Of the 4.6 million registered voters, only 13.9% state-wide voted in the August elections. In several Tennessee counties the number was under 10%.
- Of the total Voting Age Population of Tennessee, less than 12%, 637,500, voted in the August elections.

What does this mean?

Every candidate that won a contested race this August in Tennessee did so with less than 10% of registered voters in their district. No one was given a mandate. No one can honestly say their stance on the issues is supported by a majority of voters. This is what leads to the division and anarchy we see in Nashville and Washington.

Why should I care?

Sadly, there are those who do not believe in "American Exceptionalism". They do not believe that this is the greatest nation in the history of mankind. They do not believe in "unalienable rights". They welcome the division and anarchy. They want nothing more than to shred our Constitution, destroy our institutions, and turn America into another failed socialist state.

One who holds such views is running as a candidate for President.

We must not be complacent. We must not allow the USA to become another Venezuela.

Consider this: There are more people in this country who identify as Communist or Socialist than those who voted in this last election.

What can I do?

GET INVOLVED!! A republic, a democracy, only works if its citizens are engaged in the process. That does not mean you must give up your free time to work on a campaign or run for office, though that would be good. But there are 3 simple things all citizens can do:

1. **Register to vote.** It is easy in Tennessee.
You can do it in person at your local Election Commission, by mail, online at www.govotetn.gov, or scan the QR Code:
2. **Learn about the candidates**, what they believe in, and what they stand for.
The internet makes this task very easy.
3. **VOTE!!** Again, it is easy in Tennessee. You can request a mail-in ballot and vote by mail, you can early vote for 2 weeks before election day, or you can vote on election day.



"For, in a democracy, every citizen, regardless of his interest in politics, 'holds office'; every one of us is in a position of responsibility; and, in the final analysis, the kind of government we get depends upon how we fulfill those responsibilities. We, the people, are the boss, and we will get the kind of political leadership, be it good or bad, that we demand and deserve." — John F. Kennedy

The future of our Republic is in our hands.