



## Kids Voting Missouri---Election 2018 Questions for Students to Consider Before Voting

- ☆ What is the role of money in the 2018 election? How does the role of money impact our elections?
- ☆ What is the role of social media in Election 2018? Is this good or bad for American politics? Explain.
- ☆ Should the U.S. consider election rules currently used in other countries that shorten the campaign, ban commercials, limit campaign spending, mandate voting? Explain fully.
- ☆ Will the candidates' position for or against Gun Control make a difference in their electability in 2018?
- ☆ Are foreign policy decisions & tariffs important to American voters? Why or Why not?
- ☆ Do you think most Americans want change in 2018 as they did in the 2016 Presidential election or are they happy with the way things are in our government? Explain.
- ☆ How do issues like immigration, gun control, hourly wages, climate change, "Obamacare," common core, etc., affect the 2018 elections? What issues divide voters? Which issues bring voters to the polls?
- ☆ What percentage of voters will cast their ballots on November 6, 2018? Will there be a significant youth vote, i.e., 18-24 years of age? Why or why not? *(Write your predictions on a note card and save; compare to actual voter turnout information in November 2018.)*
- ☆ What domestic & foreign events could influence the outcome of the 2018 off-year elections?
- ☆ What is the biggest source of information about the candidates and their positions? Do you think most Americans utilize these sources of information? Why or why not?
- ☆ Should we expect impartial, non-biased coverage of Election 2018 by the media? Explain fully!
- ☆ Are debates a good way to form judgments about the candidates? Why or why not? What other informational tools could be used to help voters learn about the candidates?
- ☆ How do gender, age, experience, marital status, group affiliation and heritage, previous political experience, family connections, and/or name familiarity influence choices about candidates for in the 2018 Elections? What other factors should be included on this list?
- ☆ How accurate are predictions & polls of who will win in November?
- ☆ If Election 2018 was held today, which Missouri U.S. Senatorial candidate would win the election? Why?
- ☆ Do you think the Missouri should do away with the Touchscreen Voting and just use the paper ballot or optical scan ballots to cast votes? Why or why not?
- ☆ What ideas/suggestions do you have that would encourage more American citizens to register and to vote in Election 2018? Discuss your ideas in class.