

VOTING *into* EXISTANCE

With only seven months and three weeks until the presidential election takes place, several citizens are endorsing candidates and trying their best to persuade others to vote a certain way. There are a series of topics and issues that the candidates are asked to speak about during a debate. These topics can include, climate change, gun control, healthcare and many other issues the elected president will be called upon to find solutions for. However, with all of the policies being discussed, it doesn't matter what is said if no one is listening.

"I would like to see someone that understands what is wrong with this country and is trying to fix it instead of standing behind glass in charge," said Natalie Allen (12).

As of the most recent election in 2016, only around 55.7% of people voted; 20% of those people were 18 and didn't vote because they felt they were uneducated about politics, and the things all young adults should be knowledgeable in order to make positive voting choices.

"A government is for the people, if everyone is blindly following then it's not for them its instead for those who manipulate," said Max Braham (10).

Due to the incompetence of informing the younger generations about their own country many young people think that voting is an unsuccessful way of changing society. Since there is a lack in communication between the older generations and the adolescence many teachers in schools, the places where students are supposed to learn, often shy away from discussing or informing about politics in the classroom from the fear of overstepping someone's opinions.

"When you vote it shows that you care and hope for the best when it concerns your country," said Ezra Faith (11).

