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EVERY ELECTION HELD BECOMES MORE CRITICAL IF EACH OF US IS TO MAINTAIN OUR PERSONAL FREEDOM; YET EVERY ELECTION YEAR FINDS THOUSANDS OF ELIGIBLE CITIZENS WHO DO NOT VOTE.

THE FACT THAT ALL TOO MANY CITIZENS DO NOT VOTE IS A TRAGEDY, EVEN MORE TRAGIC IS THAT MANY WHO DO NOT VOTE, BELIEVE THAT THEIR ONE VOTE DOES NOT COUNT.

HOW IMPORTANT IS ONE VOTE?

IN 1645, ONE VOTE GAVE **OLIVER CROMWELL** CONTROL OF ENGLAND.

IN 1649, ONE VOTE CAUSED **CHARLES I** OF ENGLAND TO BE EXECUTED.

IN 1776, ONE VOTE GAVE AMERICA THE **ENGLISH** LANGUAGE INSTEAD OF **GERMAN**.

IN 1845, ONE VOTE BROUGHT **TEXAS** INTO THE UNION.

IN 1868, ONE VOTE SAVED **PRESIDENT ANDREW JOHNSON** FROM IMPEACHMENT.

IN 1876, ONE VOTE CHANGED **FRANCE** FROM A MONARCHY TO A REPUBLIC.

IN 1876, ONE VOTE GAVE **RUTHERFORD B. HAYES** THE PRESIDENCY OF THE U.S.

IN 1923, ONE VOTE GAVE **ADOLF HITLER** LEADERSHIP OF THE NAZI PARTY.

IN 1941, ONE VOTE SAVED **SELECTIVE SERVICE** - JUST WEEKS BEFORE PEARL HARBOR.

IN 1948, **LYNDON B. JOHNSON** WAS ELECTED TO THE U.S. SENATE BY LESS THAN ONE VOTE PER PRECINCT IN THE STATE OF TEXAS. (He eventually became president of the United States and appointed **Thurgood Marshall (1967)** to the U.S. Supreme Court.)

IN 1960, **JOHN F. KENNEDY** WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY LESS THAN ONE VOTE PER PRECINCT IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

IN 1982, **GOVERNOR JAMES R. THOMPSON** WAS RE-ELECTED GOVERNOR OF ILLINOIS BY LESS THAN ONE VOTE PER PRECINCT.

IN 1995, ONE VOTE GAVE **MYRLIE EVERS-WILLIAMS** CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE NAACP.

IN 2000, **GEORGE W. BUSH** WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY LESS THAN ONE VOTE PER PRECINCT IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

HOW IMPORTANT IS ONE VOTE? YOUR VOTE! A WISE MAN ONCE SAID, LIBERTY MEANS RESPONSIBILITY - THIS IS WHY MOST MEN DREAD IT.

DO YOU DREAD IT OR DO YOU CONSIDER LIBERTY YOUR RESPONSIBILITY - TO BE PRESERVED WHERE IT COUNTS MOST, IN THE BALLOT BOX? IS ONE VOTE IMPORTANT?

**YES YOUR VOTE MAKES A DIFFERENCE!
REGISTER AND VOTE**