

Reflection on the Community Event: Voting Day

For my community event, I voted in the 2024 election in person at Cedar Hills Community Church, which was in my hometown. After my classes on Election Day, my parents picked me up and drove me back to my hometown so I could vote, which is something I find great importance in. While at the event, I saw volunteers that were present to assist with registration and explain ballot measures. There was a diverse group of people at the event, including people of different ages and ethnicities. Also, there were first-time voters like myself, and also experienced voters, like my parents. It was cool to see how an event can bring a diverse group of people who share different beliefs together. In relation to our course themes, it shows the importance of coming together as a community with collective action. It highlighted the importance of informed participation. We owe to each other to be well informed, be respectful to each other despite different beliefs, and to participate in elections. One insight I took away from this event is the sense of community I felt while there. I did not feel any pressure to vote a certain way. Even though voting can feel like a situation where you have to keep your beliefs to yourself or you'll be insulted, this even showed me how it's actually very communal. Overall, attending this event showed me that people of every background are able to come together and create an environment where everybody's beliefs will be respected.

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