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Should Americans be required to vote?

Compulsory voting should not be required because it forces uneducated voters to vote. Compulsory voting means that voting is required of all citizens by the government. In the United States Election Project by George Mason University it was found that in 2004 voters with less than a high school diploma averaged at 39.5% and 39.4% in 2008 (Doc B). If we have citizens who are uneducated voters, then they just might choose a random candidate. Jimmy Carter, former U.S President stated in the Peru Trip Report, on April 5, 2001, “in Peru 13 percent of the ballots were blank cast by citizens who refused to vote” (Doc E). Thirteen percent of voters are leaving the forms blank because they are uneducated voters and they didn’t want to pay a fine for not voting. Americans should be required to vote because it promotes civic duty. In “It Is Time To Consider Mandatory Voting Laws? by John W. Dean it says, “while compulsion of any kind is a restriction, so is the compulsion to drive only on the right side of the road. Requiring citizens to vote is no more restrictive than requiring them to register for the draft” (Doc C). This explains that all of the other civic duties American citizens partake in voting. This text also says “voting is the least a citizen can do for his or her country, and it is not unreasonable to ask US citizens to do this minimal thing.” (Doc C).regardless of whether the government thinks the compulsory voting is a civic duty, it forces people who are uneducated to vote for someone who could end up ruining America because they we just guessing instead of thinking about their decision.in conclusion compulsory voting means that voting is required of all citizens by the government.