

It is at the voting booth in a free nation that every man is equal to every other man—where every man's voice is heard, where every man's vote is counted alike, where every man makes his choice as to who shall serve him in public office.

*A man who doesn't exercise his right to vote deserves nothing better than the corruption and despotism in government which he will eventually get.*

Countless years and lives have been spent in gaining for us the freedom which we now have in the United States of America. Shall all that sacrifice have been wasted because we are just not interested enough in our government to go to the polls on election day?

*Vote! Vote because it is your priceless heritage. Vote because it is your responsibility to yourself and to your fellowman. Vote because it is your duty to future generations.*

And don't vote blindly—vote intelligently! Inform yourself as to the fundamental issues at stake. Make up your own mind as to which candidates are best equipped to meet these issues.

*Remember—when you are in the voting booth, no one can tell you how to vote. You vote as a free man with a mind of your own.*

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Back in the early days of our nation, when the people were interested in their future and what the future held for their children and their children's children, they crowded around Benjamin Franklin one day as he came out of the Constitutional Convention, and asked, "Mr. Franklin, what do we have?"

Franklin replied, "You have a Republic, if you can keep it."

There was some doubt in the minds of those wise men who founded our government as to whether people were actually capable of governing themselves. They knew only too well that something that is everybody's business may easily become nobody's business.

***There is one thing for sure—government in a free nation IS everybody's business and the nation will remain free only so long as it is everybody's business. The only way people can prove they are capable of self-government is by retaining the responsibility for that government in their own hands.***

Do you ever complain about the kind of government you are getting or about the individuals holding public office?

You have no right to do so—unless you take an active part in politics yourself, unless you register and vote at election time, unless you keep yourself informed on matters of government. We can be quite sure that in the long run, free people in a free country get just the kind of government they deserve.

We often hear it said, by entirely respectable people, "Why I wouldn't have anything to do with politics for anything in the world. It's a dirty business and I just wouldn't get mixed up in it."

That is the most dangerous attitude a person could take who expects to continue to live in a free nation. It is the surest way to destroy freedom. That is not the attitude that Washington and Jefferson and Jackson and Lincoln and all the other great patriots took! They believed that taking part in politics was the finest thing they could do for their country—and they were entirely right.

Politics in and of itself is not a "dirty business". Politics is no dirtier than the people who engage in politics. Politics is the science of government and the kind of government we have depends upon the kind of people who take part in it.

***A man can possess no more valuable right than the right to vote. It is the one way in which every man can have a voice in his government. It is a responsibility and a duty that no free man can shirk if he wants to remain free.***