



"Not voting is just as bad as voting for evil men because it allows evil to succeed by default. Take a stand with people who support what you really support. Stop cowering and merely complaining about America's pending demise and act in such a way as to truly make a difference."

– Tom Ambrose

If you want to know anything about your past, just go into politics!

Your opposition will dig it all up and then meticulously embroider it with half-truths and lies. It's nearly impossible to sort through the muck to find out what a candidate really stands for, and most don't bother—especially in local races.

But lest you've decided that it's too much hassle or that your vote doesn't really count, look at some of the races that were won by a very slim margin:

- 1948—Lyndon Johnson was declared winner over Coke Stevenson in the Texas Senatorial Democratic primary runoff by 87 votes out of 988,295.
- 1974—New Hampshire US Senate election; Louis Wyman beat John Durkin by 2 votes out of 223,363 cast.
- 1984—Indiana's 8th congressional district; Rick McIntyre won by 34 votes out of 233,286.
- 2004—Washington gubernatorial election, with more than 2.8 million ballots cast, Christine Gregoire defeated Dina Ross by just 133 votes.
- 2008—Minnesota Senate election: After counts and recounts and court appeals, Norm Coleman finally conceded the race to Al Franken 238 days after the election. Franken won by a mere 312 votes. 2,887,646 voters turned out.
- And how can we forget the "hanging chad" debacle in Florida in 2000 where George W. Bush was finally declared winner over Al Gore by 537 votes out of nearly 6 MILLION?

(Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_close_election_results)

Winners of important races will be decided on November 4th. If you need to register, you have until October 6. Applications are available online at <http://registertovote.org/>, at your county registrar's office, government offices and high schools.

Do you vote? Every election? It is both a great privilege and your duty as a citizen, and quite frankly, you have no right to complain if you don't. *See you at the polls!*



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