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It's time to think about Voting and learning more about initiatives

on the ballot this year. I got my state Voters Pamphlet yesterday and that means it's time to start reading and getting up to speed on the topics.

The current AARP Bulletin has a great article on why it's important for ALL of us to vote. Regardless of what or who you vote for it has an impact locally. The article describes nationally who's being voted on:

- 35 of 100 U.S. Senate seats,
- All 435 House of Representative seats;
- 36 of 50 state Governors;
- 82% of state legislators in the U.S.;
- 300 state appellate judges, including 71 supreme court judges.

All of these positions have impacts on local citizen's, which is why voting each election is critical. Knowing positions is also important and knowing where to go to find the facts is even more important. Medical care, social security, taxes and help for caregivers are just some of the important issues that elected officials will be dealing with in the next term.

The media (including social media) is more often partisan and even worse, some are spreading untruths. Here are some websites to visit that are recommended by AARP as fair and nonpartisan websites for election information.

[Votesmart.org](https://www.votesmart.org)

[RealClearPolitics.org](https://www.realclearpolitics.org)

[Ballotpedia.org](https://www.ballotpedia.org)

[Politifact.com](https://www.politifact.com)

Taking the time to read about positions either in the voter's pamphlet or online at one of these sites will pay off in spades when you fill out your mail in ballot as an informed voter.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

Let us not seek the Republican answer or the Democratic answer, but the right answer. Let us not seek to fix the blame for the past. Let us accept our own responsibility for the future.

– John F. Kennedy