

Young voters connect with past president

ADAM SMELTZ
KRT Campus

Bill Clinton, who created an image of politics for America's youth that's both suave and tawdry, is back on the campaign trail, this time pitching John Kerry, but it's not clear if Clinton makes Kerry look better or worse to young voters.

"Kerry doesn't have the status or rapport Clinton did," said Charles Glass, 21, a left-leaning pre-med student at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. "I don't know if Kerry is relating well to our generation."

To voters in their early to mid-20s, who were entertained by the first baby-boomer president in his MTV days, Clinton remains a political father figure, still admired and criticized, still among the most polarizing influences, still the prism through which many young people view politics.

In interviews from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh, these teens and twenty-somethings said Clinton's smooth style, scandalous behavior and his cool yet sometimes slippery communication made a formative political impression. His example sets their expectations of presidential candidates' expectations that, ironically, Kerry fails to fulfill.

To be sure, young people troubled by the U.S.-led war in Iraq support Kerry, Glass and others said. But not because they adore the Democratic nominee.

The latest Washington Post/ABC News tracking poll found Kerry has a sizable 57 percent to 38 percent lead over Bush among voters ages 18 to 29.

In 1992, Clinton broke ground by appearing on MTV and answering the infamous question of whether he wore boxers or briefs and by playing a saxophone on television and admitting recreational marijuana use. Clinton had a 9-point lead among young voters in his win over President George H.W. Bush.

Conditioned by Clinton's well-publicized imperfections, some young Pennsylvanians said they were chilled by Bush's unwavering refusal to acknowledge mistakes. "Bush won't admit if he made a wrong turn," Wolfe said.

Young Republicans, of course, can't stand Clinton.

"Clinton and George W. Bush embody complete opposites in terms of morality and steadfastness," said Stephanie Steward, 21, the chair of University of Pennsylvania's College Republicans group. "Living in the climate we do, our society is drawn very much to moral conviction, to the steadfast path."

EDITORIAL

Voters should research issues



ILLUSTRATION COURTESY OF KRT CAMPUS

Politics can be confusing. All day ads on television and even on radio tell you what and who you should be voting for.

They are very convincing. They tell you that they are the end all be all in existence and if you vote for the opposition you are one of many adjectives including, ignorant, stupid, evil and or confused.

With so much tugging at your shoulder it is very important that you take advertisements with a grain of salt and thoroughly research the positions these ads take and the candidates endorsed by the ads.

The ads will never tell you "We are right without a doubt, but just to make sure check out the other side before you commit to voting for our side."

If you were to go to the voting booth armed with only the arm that comes from months of conditioning to believe something is correct then are you really doing anything positive? Can you really say you are changing the world with your vote? Or "Vote or Die" as MTV will tell you?

No. All you are doing is lemming your way to being another figure in effective marketing of someone's agenda.

If being part of a covert agenda perpetrated by those with money, isn't conforming and essentially against all that youth rebellion is all about.

Voting blindly because "you can" is not only dangerous but also unproductive.

There are many web sites that you can visit for information that depending on who it is sponsored by can be trusted to be unbiased such as www.smartvoter.org.

But beware, there are sites out there like <http://www.calvoterguide.com/> that have innocent enough names but really have agendas that can be seen easily when you see the front page and the ads beckoning you to vote for a certain prop a certain way.

The Internet isn't the only way to find information; you can find material that is sponsored by the state that must be unbiased.

Voting is a right as it is a privilege and a duty, but done blindly and to the tune of ads can lead to a misinformed legislative result you may not have wanted to be a part of.

Going further

For more information on voting, visit
www.Iavote.net
or call
1-800-815-2666

Accomplish your goals this winter... spend 3 weeks at *The Beach!*

Winter Session at CSULB January 3-21, 2005

Move closer to graduation!
Earn up to 4 units toward your degree in just three weeks!

Registration begins November 3

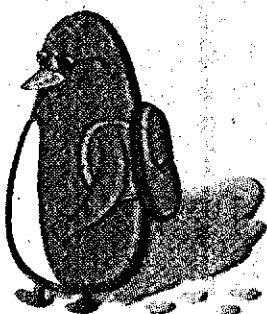
Fast, easy registration • No formal admission to CSULB required
Over 200 courses offered • Day and evening courses • Transfer units

For more information or a free Winter Session bulletin call:
(800) 963-2250 ext. 60001

email: winter@uces.csulb.edu • web site: www.uces.csulb.edu/winter



University College &
Extension Services
California State University, Long Beach



DO YOU HAVE MILD TO MODERATE ASTHMA?

- We Are Looking For Volunteers
- Between the ages of 18 and 75
- With mild to moderate asthma
- To Participate In A Clinical Research Study
- Total of 6 visits to our testing facility
- Over a 4 month period of time

■ Participation fee will be paid to each participant upon his or her completion of the study, lab results will be available to you upon your request

**Environmental Health Service
Los Amigos Research and Education Institute
7601 E. Imperial Hwy., Downey CA 90242**

If You Are Interested Please Contact Us:
(562) 401-7563
(8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)

JOHN FORBES KERRY

(Democrat)

Jobs

Would "lower corporate tax rates in America for all corporations five percent" to stimulate job growth. Says Bush cut job training money but returned some because of the election year.

Economic Policy

Would bring back pay-as-you-go policies and restore fiscal responsibility. Start with rolling back tax cut for richest Americans. Need to close corporate loopholes.

Social Security

Bush's plan is "invitation to disaster" because benefits would have to take a massive cut. Would protect through fiscal responsibility. "I will not privatize it. I will not cut the benefits."

Abortion

"I cannot legislate my beliefs on someone." Would not allow Roe v. Wade to be changed.

Same-sex Marriage

"Marriage is between a man and woman. But in the United States, we cannot discriminate against people." Says he is for partnership rights. Believes homosexuality is not a choice, but that they are born that way. Believes it's a state rights issue.

Minimum Wage

"We need to raise to \$7 per hour within several years."

Affirmative Action

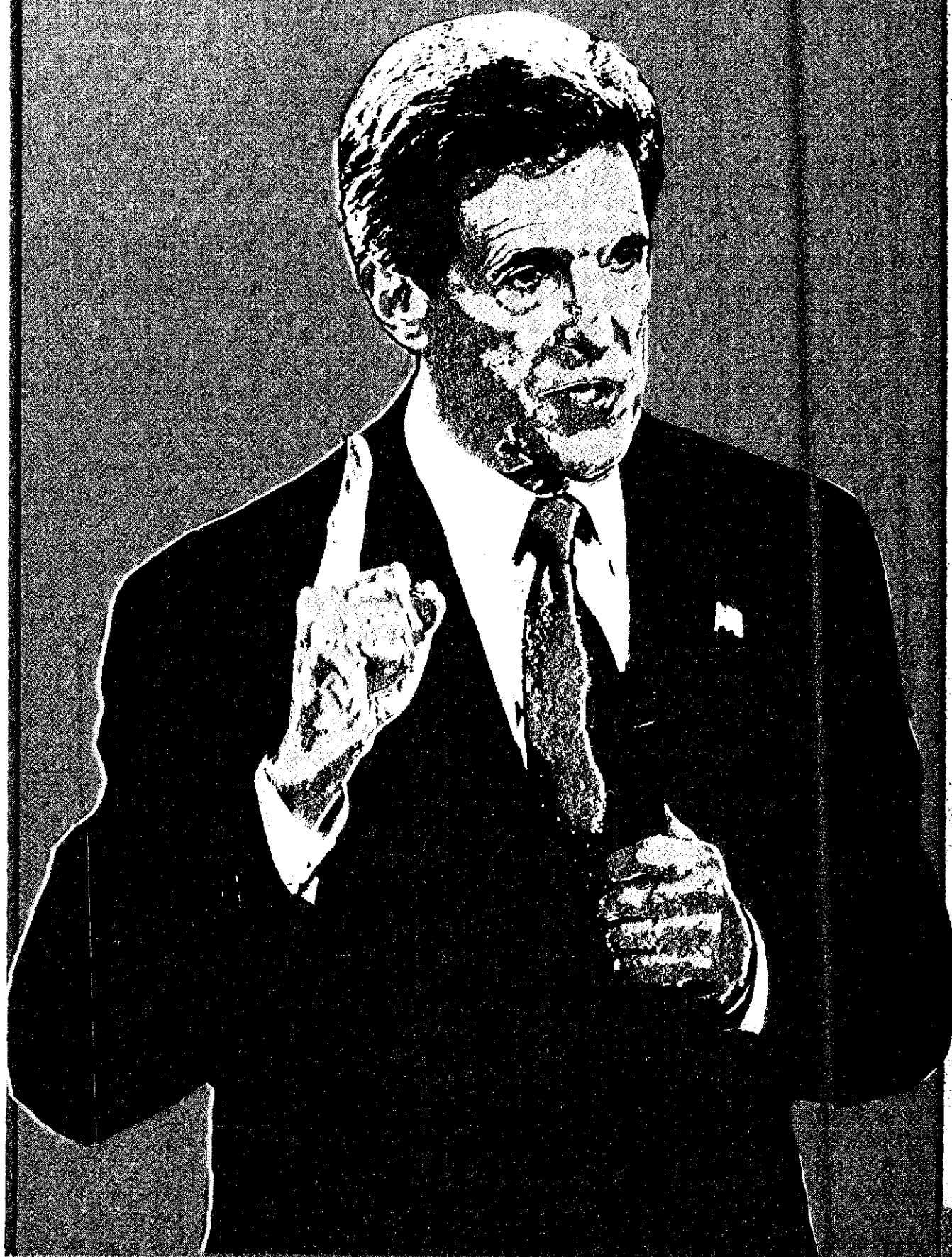
"We still need it even though progress was made during Clinton presidency."

Immigration

Would toughen up borders. "Illegal hiring needs to be stamped out. Some illegal immigrants need to be moved toward full citizenship. United States needs a guest worker program."

The shot shortage

Underscores problems with health care system. Five million Americans have lost their insurance. President has "turned back on wellness of America."



Decision

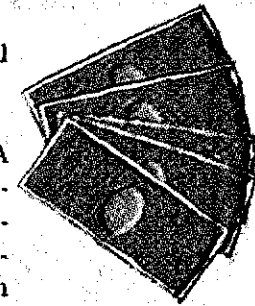
Examining the Cali

COMPILED BY: CHRISTOPHER OLIVARES, ALICIA
DESIGN & ILLUSTRATION

Proposition 1A Protection of Local Government Revenues

Proposition 1A amends the state constitution to prevent state government from taking property and sales tax from cities, counties, redevelopment agencies and special districts. State may borrow money twice in a 10-year period if the governor declares a fiscal necessity and two-thirds of the Legislature concurs. Loan must be repaid with interest before state borrows more money.

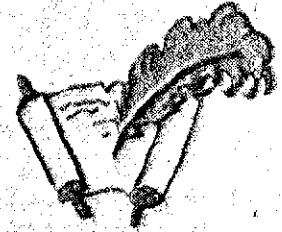
You are basically choosing from big brother control of local money or bigger brother control. Everyday life may not be affected but changes may come as local government reaches into coffers not audited or controlled by legislature.



Proposition 59 Public records, Open Meetings, Legislative Constitutional Amendment

This measure amends the state Constitution to: Provide right of public access to meetings of government bodies and writings of government officials. Preserve constitutional rights including rights of privacy, due process, and equal protection.

Prop 59 will make it a constitutional right to know what the government is doing, why it is doing it, and how. It will also ensure that private information about ordinary citizens will remain just that - private. The government would have to demonstrate to a somewhat greater extent that under the current law why information requested by the public should be kept private.

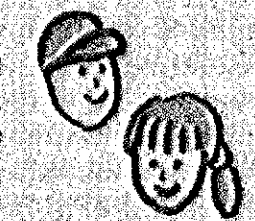


Proposition 61

Children's Hospital Projects, Grant Program, Bond Act, Initiative Statute.

Authorizes 750,000,000 in general obligation bonds, to be repaid from state's General Fund, for grants to eligible children's hospitals for construction, expansion, remodeling, renovation, furnishing, and equipping children's hospitals.

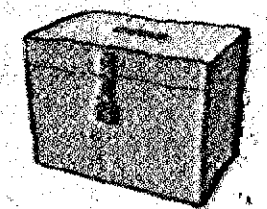
Hospitals across California will receive a substantial amount of money to renovate and refurbish old hospital buildings and facilities.



Proposition 62: Elections, Primaries, Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

It will require a primary election where all voters may vote for any state or federal candidate regardless of how a voter or candidate is registered? Exempts presidential nominations and elections of party central committees. Only the two primary-election candidate receiving most votes for an office, whether they are candidates with "no party" or members of same or different party, would be listed on general election ballot.

It will allow voters to receive a single primary election ballot for most state and federal elections. It will place the names of the top two vote-getting candidates on the general election ballot. Without regard to party affiliation this may allow two candidates being on the general election ballot.



Proposition 65 Local Government funds, revenues, state mandates. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

Requires voter approval for any legislation that provides for any reduction, based on January 1, 2003 levels, of local governments' vehicle license fee revenues, sales tax powers and revenues, and proportionate share of local property tax revenues.

The measure amends the State Constitution to reduce the state's authority over local government, school and community college programs.

There was no argument made in favor of this measure. Though Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Democrats and Republicans want citizens to vote No on Prop 65 because since Prop 65 was submitted there has been a new and better measure called Prop 1A.



Prop. 69 DNA Samples, Collection, Database, Funding Initiative Statute.

Requires collection of DNA samples from all felons, and from adults and juveniles arrested for or charged with specified crimes, and submission to state DNA database; and, in five years, from adults arrested for or charged with any felony. Authorizes local law enforcement laboratories to perform analyses for state database and maintain local database.

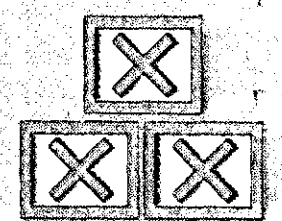
The Gov. Schwarzenegger backs this proposition, along with the state attorney general and LA county District attorney. Prop 69 makes the following changes to the current law such as expands DNA collection to include all convicted felons and some non felons.



Proposition 66 Limitations on "Three Strikes" Law, Sex Crimes, Punishment, Initiative Statute.

Proposition 66 would amend the three strikes law to provide longer sentences only if the most recent crime is a violent or serious felony. Redefines violent and serious felonies. Requires separate trials for each strike. Increases punishment for certain sex crimes against children.

The state would be required to resentence "third strikers" whose third strike was nonviolent and nonserious. In addition, prison sentences for specified sex offenses against children would be lengthened. Could mean a lot of people you know would be affected, those in custody and whose future might include a life of crime.

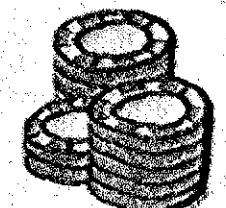


Proposition 70

Tribal Gaming Compacts, Exclusive Gaming Rights, Contributions to State, Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

Grants exclusive tribal gaming rights; no limits on number of machines, facilities, types of games on Indian land.

A 99 year contract will hold us to standards that might have to change in the future.



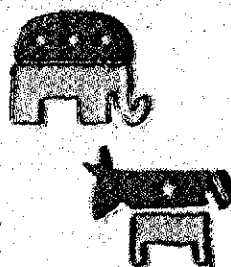
For more information on California Pro



California propositions

WRITER, JONATHAN GARCIA, & HERSHON PRECIADO
BY: BENEDICT ORBASE

Proposition 60
Election Rights and Political Parties. Legislative Constitutional Amendment.



This proposition will provide the right for political parties participating in a primary election for partisan office to participate in the general election for that office. A candidate receiving most of the votes from its party's candidates in a primary election for the state partisan office cannot be denied placement on a general election ballot. It will not have any effect fiscal impact on California all procedures will remain the same just more advanced.

It will allow all registrar voters to vote in a primary election, without regard to party affiliations, or non partisan. It will allow voters to choose two candidates for the list of candidates running for any seat of office.

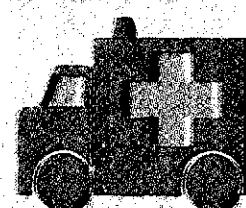
Proposition 63
Mental Health Services Expansion. Funding. Tax on Personal Incomes Above \$1 Million. Initiative Statute.



Provides funds to counties to expand services and develop programs. Requires state to develop mental health service programs. Imposes 1 percent tax on taxpayer's taxable personal income.

Proposition 63 will contribute to the developing mental health service programs. The 1 percent increase will help develop programs needed to advance mental health issues.

Proposition 67
Emergency Medical Services. Funding. Telephone Surcharge. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.



It will provide funding to physicians for uncompensated emergency care, hospitals for emergency services, and community clinics for uncompensated care, emergency personnel training/equipment, and emergency telephone system improvements. Funding by addition of three percent to existing surcharge rate on telephone use with in California, portions of tobacco taxes, and criminal and traffic penalties.

It will allow the state to create a special tax. On telephone services bills to help fund the cost of emergency medical services. It will raise the cost of residential, commercial, and cellular phone bills.

Proposition 71
Stem Cell Research. Funding. Bonds. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.



Establishes "California Institute for Regenerative Medicine" to regulate stem cell research and provide funding through grants and loans. It allows the state to sell \$3 billion in general obligation bonds to establish a state institute for stem cell research that would provide funding for research and research facilities.

Stem Cell research can help advance science as a whole. Some people disagree with the morals of the issue though.

Proposition 60A
Surplus Property. Legislative Constitutional Amendment.

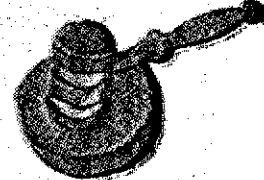


Dedicates proceeds from sale of surplus state property purchased with General Fund monies to payment of principal, interest on Economic Recovery Bonds approved in March 2004. When those bonds are repaid, surplus property sales proceeds directed to Special Fund For Economic Uncertainties.

This measure requires that proceeds from the sale of surplus state property that occur on or after the passage of this measure be used to pay the principal and interest on Prop 57 bonds.

It will allow the state to use surplus property sales funds to offset the funds. Once the bond is fully paid surplus sales, money, would be used in the general fund.

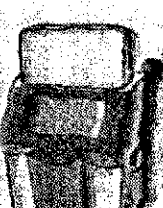
Proposition 64
Limits on Private Enforcement of Unfair Business Competition Laws. Initiative Statute.



Limits individual's right to sue by allowing private enforcement of unfair business competition laws only if that individual was actually injured by, and suffered financial/property loss because of, and unfair business practice.

Prop. 64 aims to close what its proponents call a loophole in California's unfair competition law. That law prohibits anyone from engaging in any unlawful or fraudulent business act. These are often deceptive or misleading advertising, or violations of state health-and-safety laws.

Proposition 68
Non-Tribal Commercial Gambling Expansion. Tribal Gaming Compact Amendments. Revenues, Tax Exemptions. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.



Authorizes Governor to negotiate tribal compact amendments requiring that Indian tribes pay 25 percent of slot machine/gaming device revenues to government fund, comply with multiple state laws, and accept state court jurisdiction.

Prop. 68 promoters will increase commercial gambling across California. More slot machines in more casinos across the state equals more police patrolling more of the gambling zones.

Proposition 72
Health Care Coverage Requirements. Referendum.



Provides for individual and dependent health care coverage for employees, as specified, working for large and medium employers; Requires that employers pay at least 80 percent of coverage cost; maximum 20 percent employee contribution.

Prop 72 will help pay the cost of coverage for health care. Students that are employed by companies under these requirements the company would be paying up 80 percent with cost being only a maximum of 20 percent for the student.

GEORGE WALKER BUSH (Republican)

Jobs

Says there is a need to ensure education system works, which will be the key for better jobs. "We've expanded trade adjustment assistance."

Economic Policy

"Kerry would create a tax gap that the middle class will have to pay for." Promises to encourage fiscal sanity.

Social Security

Seniors will still get checks. He wants to move toward privatizing it. Personal savings accounts for young workers are a vital issue.

Abortion

The country should promote a "culture of life." Need to put laws into place to reduce the number of abortions.

Same-sex Marriage

Need to treat people with respect. But a nation can show tolerance and keep its view on the sanctity of marriage. He has proposed marriage amendment. Does not know whether a person is born gay or not.

Minimum Wage

Supported a plan to raise wage.

Affirmative Action

"We shouldn't have quotas."

Immigration

Border security has been increased and agents are using more technologically advanced equipment. Temporary worker cards should be issued to help fill employer needs, which would result in fewer people having to cross the border illegally.

Flu Shot Shortage

U.S. relied on an English company that have produced 50 percent of vaccines, and it was contaminated. Center for Disease Control is also calling vaccine appropriately. Wants young people to not take the flu shot. "I saved my flu shot."



**By itself, it's a piece of paper.
In your hands, it's a loaded gun.**



**Make the ballot yours.
Vote.**