

I feel very strongly that there should be no discrimination at the voting booth. Why do we only allow certain people within our country to vote. Voting is a determination by the people of who should represent them. Are women not people? Women are more likely to be informed voters and are more likely to show up at the polls to vote.

Women have long been discriminated against, for no reason. Women are, mentally, almost the same as men, but for some reason have never been allowed to hold as much responsibility as men. This has its roots in our patriarchal society. God, a man, rules all, and in each home a man takes the roll of God. He provides for his wife and children, and him, being the provider gets to make the decisions about what will happen. Men have, in our European based society, been in charge. They have been the only ones capable of leading, only ones encouraged to read and write. But Why?

Women often make better decisions in situations where men would let their egos lead them astray. Women are equal, if not better, when compared to man. Why is our society not matriarchal. Our mothers care for us, they help us grow, they kiss our “boo boos” why is it that the man gets to sit in the throne and hold the scepter. The only parenting a traditional father does is done with his palm or a belt. The mother is there to comfort you after the fathers wrath flows forward. Why is it that we listen to this patriarchal tyrant. The mother figure is more loving and caring, wouldn't that be a better way to run our country.

Democracy is a rule by the people, but in its current state it is a rule by the people we want to rule it. We only let white males vote freely, and sure black males are legally allowed to vote, but in many places throughout the south they are forced away from voting booths. So the only people who are allowed to rule in our democracy are those of white descent. Eliminating certain groups from those who decide turn us into a “lazy oligarchy” all the white men are in power, but they don't want to have equal power like in an oligarchy, so they send someone forth to do their bidding. The worst part about this situation is that the only way to stop it is to convince these elected officials that it is a good idea to possibly take their power away.

The founding fathers might not have implicitly stated it, but democracy should be a rule by the people. They didn't make sure to set out rules to force equal rights to vote, but that should be our job. The beginning of the 20th century should be a time of change, why should one person be more important than another. It is time for us, all of us, men, women, and minorities to rise up.

We need to rise up and turn this lazy oligarchy into a full blown representative Democracy. A woman's opinion and vote are just as valid as that of a white male, or that of a minority. Everyone should be able to vote, so that we may choose representatives that best represent our people.

If this does not go our way I propose our matriarchal figures step down from their motherly duties and begin acting like men. The country will go to shambles. Women acting as mothers are the glue that holds our country together. Men are very little, if not nothing, without women, and this will become very apparent if we stand united. Either the man's ego will take this country down, or the woman's perseverance shall pull it into unity.

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