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The presidential vote  
may seem far away,  
but it's already time  
to keep informed

# Vote of Confidence

I can confidently say that I am informed about current events in our country. I watch the “Tonight Show” and “Last Week Tonight,” and I have a subscription to a political magazine. I’m not saying that I’m a political junkie, or that I know it all.

I'm just saying that I probably know more about what's going on than you, no offense. I mean, honestly, how much do you really pay attention to the droning voices on the news? You probably just tune it out and go back to Snapchat, which is fine, because Snapchat is pretty cool.

But you really should put down the phone when it comes to the 2016 election. All of our seniors and about half of our juniors will be voting next year.

Voting. For the president. That's a pretty big deal, and it carries a lot more weight than voting for class president.

And honestly, if you think Donald Trump is the best candidate out there, you might need to study up. He is funny to watch, I'll give you that. He reminds me of an angry toddler. But would you hand the keys to your house to a toddler? Would you give that toddler a country to run? Of course not, that's ridiculous because babies can't run countries.

So while it may be fun to laugh at the candidates on TV (I will admit that Bernie Sanders makes some pretty weird faces), do you actually know what they support?

Take Hillary Clinton for instance. While having our first woman president would be freaking awesome, voting for her would be against some of my religious beliefs.

It's like buying Cinnamon Toast Crunch at Target when your favorite cereal is Reese's Puffs. You wouldn't buy a cereal you don't like, so don't vote for a candidate who doesn't share your views. Common sense.

So let's play a game. \*Game show host voice\* How well do you know your candidate?!? \*game show music plays\* Does your candidate support gun control? Does your candidate support abortion? \*game show music intensifies\*

Okay, so those last ones were kinda on a tangent, but you get the point.

You should make sure you know more about your candidate than you know about your best friend because while your best friend probably won't be running a country in a year, that candidate just might.