

OPINIONS

Should Gen Z's (and Adjacent) Join The Vote or Run The Other Way?

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PERSONALLY, I DON'T like politics at all. I am probably the least involved young person with politics there is. Yet, people have told me I could be a good politician if I chose to. With election season upon us, I need to buck up and start researching politics so I know who to vote for. I can't speak for everybody, but I believe young voters should only be involved with politics and vote if they are serious about it: let me elaborate.

Yes, I say to all the young 18 through 20-somethings out there that if you want to make a difference, voting is one of the first steps to doing that. A lot of people, young and old, tend not to vote, and that means the minority who does vote will get the people they want in certain offices, even if the majority disagrees with them. See where I am going with this? However, I also believe that you shouldn't vote just because you can. If you just vote willy-nilly and say, "heck with it," you're defeating the whole purpose. It shouldn't be why someone chooses to vote. I believe this is a good condition for anybody, not just young people.

I have to say though, most young people in our generation have a fresher outlook on current problems. I also think society would benefit from young people who vote for people who will make the best difference in our communities and the places we live. Democrat, Republican, third party, and whatever else there is, it shouldn't matter which party you vote for: that is the biggest misconception—and issue with "the system"—people get too hung up on petty arguments about which party is better.

As the newest generation of voters, it's our job to stop repeating history and bad politics and vote for the candidate based on what they are doing to make their communities, cities, and even the country a better place. I think we can all agree that no matter what party you are a part of, it doesn't matter if we aren't voting for the people trying to make a difference.

I also give this advice: Vote at your own pace. Start with your small-time votes for your hometown mayor, or you could go big and vote for the next President or start anywhere in between. If you don't remember

anything else from this article, remember this, vote if you are prepared to, if not, take your time with the process.



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An Unpopular Opinion on Cheating; The Ned Fulmer Scandal

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OKAY, IT'S BEEN A couple of weeks, and I have had time to recover from the shocking news of Ned Fulmer's infidelity. If you're left utterly confused by that last sentence, here is a quick rundown: A YouTube show called The Try Guys is run by four best friends and has a mass following. One of the four men, Ned Fulmer, was famously known for being a family man who adored his wife and children. Fulmer has come out and confirmed a cheating scandal. The Try Guys kicked Ned out of the

company and, based on their video statement, are no longer friends with him.

Professionally, it is assumed he was let go from the company because of legal reasons considering he (Ned) was sleeping with one of his employees. As previously mentioned, the three other Try Guys seem to have cut Fulmer out of their lives as much as possible. In their statement video, their disappointment and anger towards him is visible. Now, it comes as no shock that his friends would be upset. Not only did Fulmer betray their trust by taking advantage of one of their employees, but he also hurt their company and friendship, as a whole, by proceeding with an affair. It has to be taken into account that the three other Try Guys are also very close with Fulmer's wife Ariel, and are likely very heartbroken for their friend on the receiving end of the cheating.

I was shocked when The Try Guys released their statement video implying that they are no longer remaining in contact with their former friend. Granted, it is possible they are still friends behind the camera and don't want audiences to know that, but that will remain unknown. If we are to believe what we have been told, these three best friends are cutting Fulmer out professionally and personally. I was shocked at this because as much as my heart breaks for Fulmer's wife and children, my heart breaks for Ned Fulmer himself as well.

This is not a popular opinion, I know. I cannot help but think how unhappy he must have been to go through with something that seems so reckless to the rest of us on the outside. To risk losing your family, friends, and career over a fling? I cannot imagine any happy, stable person doing that.

To me, this scandal has brought to life a problem I believe society has, and that is its condemnation of people who have cheated, are cheating, or will ever cheat in their lives. I believe we as a society forget that we can disapprove of a behavior while still offering love and growth to the people who have made those mistakes and committed those behaviors. Yes, cheating is bad. No, I do not condone cheating. What I do believe and stand by, is that hating people never fixes anything. Shaming people does not fix anything. Cutting people out, labeling them, and forever taunting them with their mistakes will not prevent them from cheating in the future; in fact, it will most likely push them to continue with the behavior.

Ned Fulmer's situation is one that saddens me because it is one I see play out over and over again in the celebrity world and in everyday life with friends and family. I offer the opinion of this: treat others the way you want to be treated, and that includes how you want to be treated when you've made the worst mistake of your life.