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It is true that the casting vote is not a fullproof defense against any type of oppression and tyranny, but it is rightly the best one against such factors. Despite this fact, the new generation takes this opportunity for granted which are the rights that are very hard earned by the older generation. This is the case in almost every democracy and the United States of America offers no exception in this case. In the US the voting turns out is often lower as compared to other democracies. In the elections of 1996 fewer than half voting-age adults voted. In 2000 the number was slightly better in Florida. It has been noted that despite the efforts to bring more voters to the poll the voters turn over is always low, and also only the adult individuals participate and cast their votes. Majority of the US population put this blame on the government policy that they lower the age limit to 18 due to which such youngsters have lack of civic duty, lengthy and boring campaigns that seems dull to the younger generations and also other negative TV aids them to turn off their interests. Another reason that the adult voters turnout is more as compared to the youngsters is that most of the benefits that they government introduce go to these senior citizens from Medicare to social security to Medicaid they are specified for this population, so their interest is greater than any other age groups (Magsdadt, 17).

The political parties grab the attention of these voters by introducing various policies which include health benefits and other social securities and by doing so the adults automatically cast their votes to that specific political group (Frisco et al., 2004). The interest groups try to sway public policy by influencing elected officials and also the public opinion by various mass media campaigns. Money and memberships are also quite vital for the success of these interest groups. Organizations having a large group of citizens with the same interests have a clear advantage. AARP is one example with many like-minded people with clear goals, and more than half of the adults belong to this group which makes it the biggest such group. So by all this evidence, it is clear that most of the political parties target the adults by introducing many policies in their favor.

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