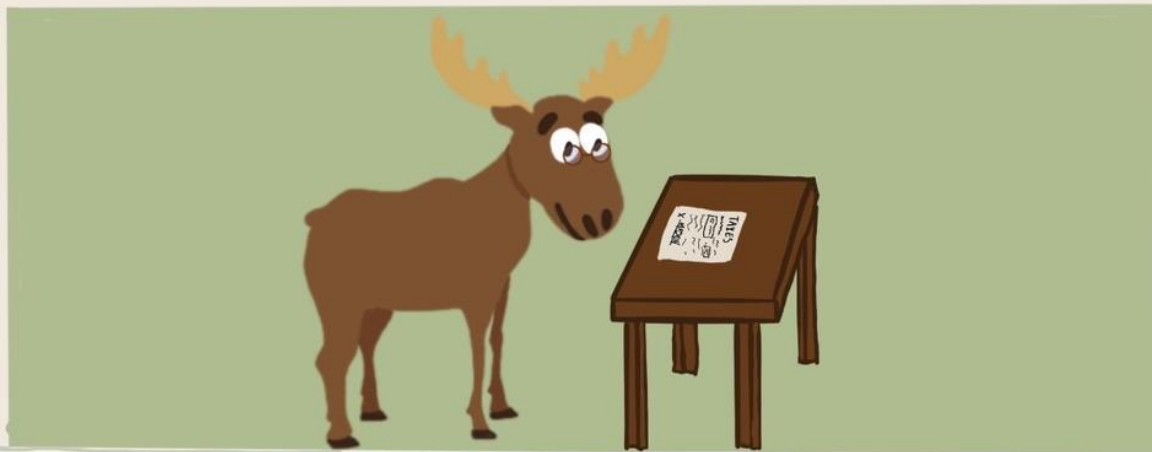




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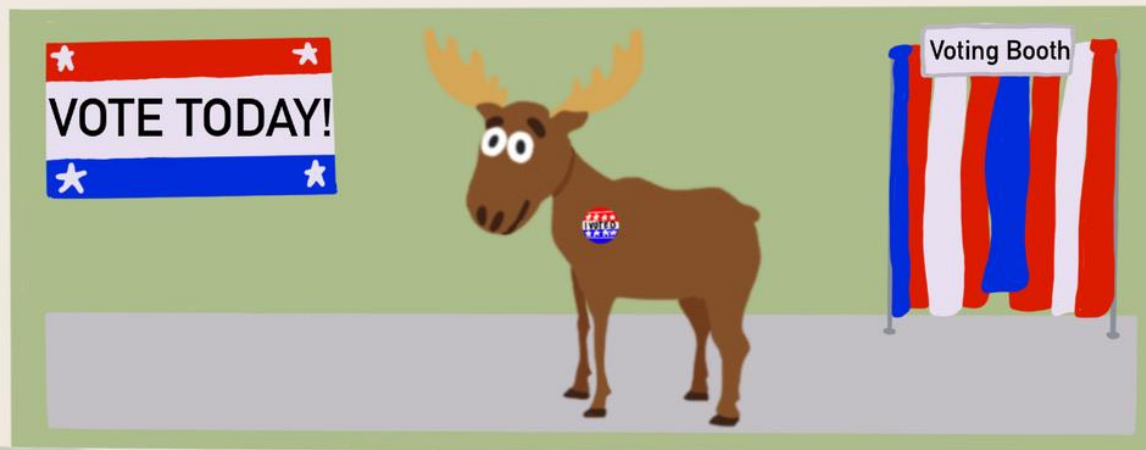
**Mason pays all of his taxes!**



**Sarah doesn't want to pay taxes.**



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Mason voted on Election Day and was prepared to pick a candidate.



Sarah did not vote. She stayed home and watched a movie.



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Mason carries his trash with him and doesn't litter.



Sarah throws her trash on the street.



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Mason learned about candidates before he voted.



Sarah doesn't learn about her candidates. She votes randomly.



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Mason volunteers locally at a food bank.



Sarah doesn't volunteer her time.



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**Mason attends town meetings and participates!**



**Sarah didn't want to go to the meeting. She read a book instead.**



**...that this government of the people,  
by the people,  
for the people,  
shall not perish from the earth.**

Abraham Lincoln in the Gettysburg Address, November 19, 1863  
Given in the middle of the Civil War, while the nation was split in two



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## Democracy Depends Upon Good Citizens

In a democracy like the United States, people need to act as good citizens because \_\_\_\_\_

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If people do not act as good citizens in a democracy, then \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_







## **Good Citizenship Traits**

**Display the American flag**

**Follow the law**

**Follow what happens in government and politics**

**Know the Pledge of Allegiance**

**Participate in the census**

**Pay your taxes**

**Protest if you think government actions are wrong**

**Respect the opinions of others**

**Serve jury duty if called**

**Volunteer to help others**

**Vote in elections**



## Good Citizenship Traits in Order

In order of importance to being a good citizen, as ranked by U.S. adults in Jan/Feb 2018.

1. **Vote in elections**
2. **Pay your taxes**
3. **Follow the law**
4. **Serve jury duty if called**
5. **Respect opinions of others**
6. **Participate in the census**
7. **Volunteer to help others**
8. **Know the Pledge of Allegiance**
9. **Follow what happens in government and politics**
10. **Protest if you think government actions are wrong**
11. **Display the American flag**

Source: *The Public, The Political System and American Democracy*. Chapter 9. The responsibility of citizenship. Pew Research Center. April 26, 2018.

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Voter Turnout	
U.S. Election	Turnout of Eligible Voters
2020 presidential election (Biden over Trump)	66.8%
2018 midterm elections	50.0%
2016 presidential election (Trump over H. Clinton)	60.1%
2014 midterm elections	36.7%
2012 presidential election (Obama over Romney)	58.6%
2010 midterm elections	41.8%
2008 presidential election (Obama over McCain)	62.2%

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Why You Should Vote	Why People Don't Vote
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It's an important freedom in the United States; you need to make your voice heard</li> <li>• Every vote counts</li> <li>• It's your duty to vote; a strong democracy is based on people voting</li> <li>• Even though there are millions of people in the country, elections can still be won or lost by just a few votes (2000, Bush v. Gore, Bush won Florida by 537 votes, which gave him the whole election)</li> <li>• People have fought for the right to vote for hundreds of years; honor them by voting</li> <li>• There are many issues that affect you; use your vote to tell the leaders what you think</li> <li>• If you don't vote, others will make the decisions without you</li> <li>• The winner is going to make decisions for you whether you vote or not, so you should make your voice heard</li> <li>• It's easy to register to vote</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• My vote is only one vote—it doesn't matter</li> <li>• I don't like any of the choices</li> <li>• I don't trust the government</li> <li>• My state is too small to make a difference in the presidential election</li> <li>• I only care about the environment, and no candidates seem to</li> <li>• I don't know enough about the candidates or the issues to vote</li> <li>• It's a hassle to get to the polls, and it can take a long time to vote</li> <li>• I'm not registered to vote</li> <li>• Voting day is Tuesdays, and I have to work</li> <li>• I don't have an identification card or driver's license so can't vote</li> <li>• Things won't change no matter who's elected</li> </ul>

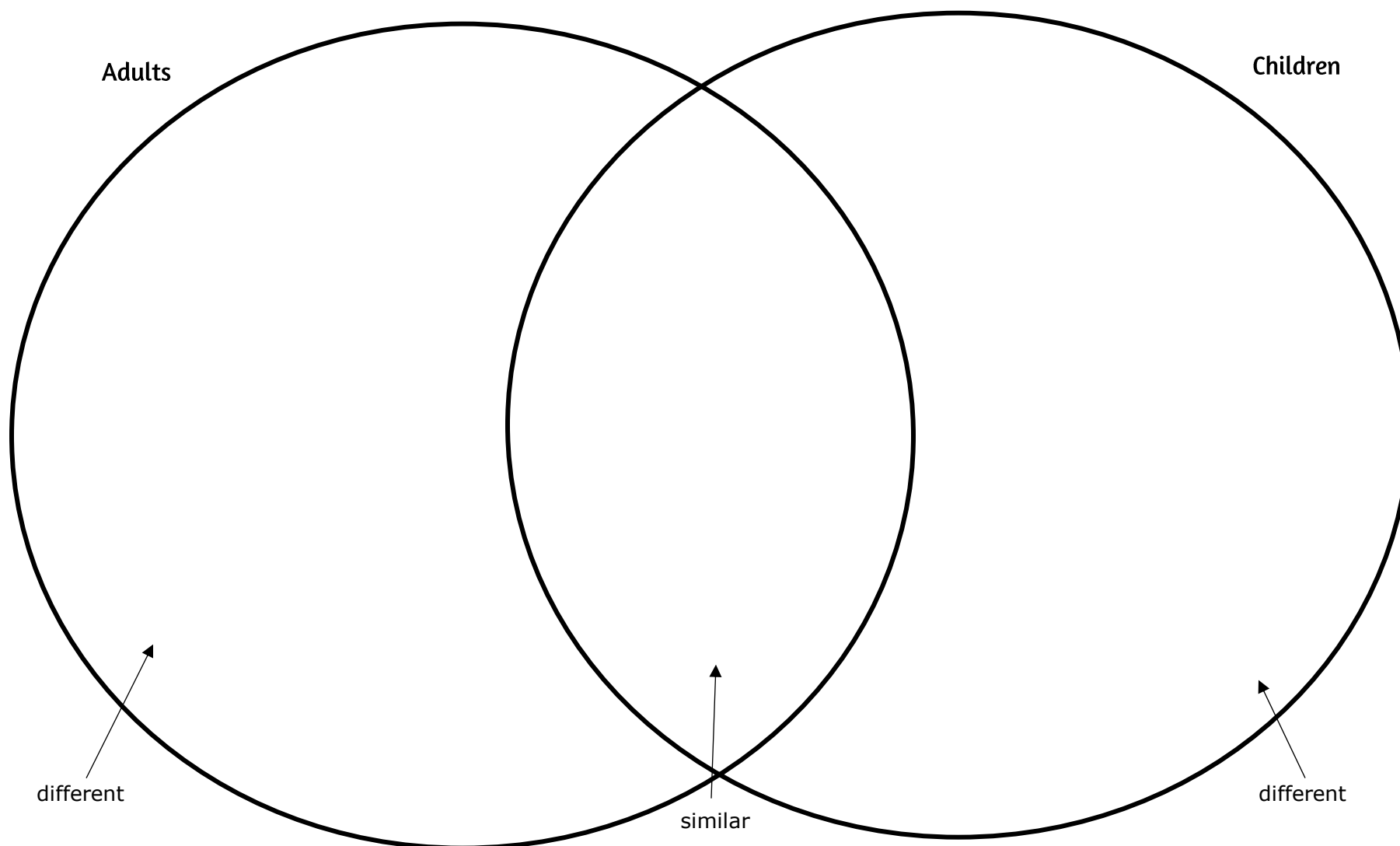




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### Venn diagram: Good Citizenship for All





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