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STICKY REUNION SITUATION

GET OUT AND VOTE FAMILY

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The Situation:

We have family members of voting age who say they are not voting. How do we convince them that voting is something good they can do for the family?

The Fix:



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My suggestion is to set up a family Zoom meeting inviting family elders to share their experiences from the 50s, 60s and 70s fighting for this generation's right to vote. Elders should also share the stories from their forebears about the price they had to pay and the indignities they endured for our right to vote. Those growling dogs and firehoses were real and life threatening—not to mention the lynchings and other brutalities our ancestors endured. I suggest a Zoom meeting because it is a technology young people relate to. If the elders don't know how to set it up, there's a youngster in the family somewhere who'd be pleased to do it.

"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." George Santayana (1863-1952), Reason in Common Sense
