

November 6<sup>th</sup> 2016

Trump  
221

Students could vote many ways this year, using paper ballots, laptops, tablets, and even iPhones to cast their votes.

“The younger students seem to like the paper ballots and the physical nature of walking to the ballot box, stuffing their vote inside and walking back to their seat. I might even describe it as strutting back to their seat. The older students (high school) prefer the online version where they can watch candidate videos and comment on the discussion board with friends,” said Michael Stevens, teacher, New Jersey.



Thanks to our partner Winmyvote.com, students could access their ballots online from any Internet enabled device (phones, tables, laptops, etc.) and review video profiles of the candidates.

“This made all the difference in the world. Voters typically see a name and maybe hear a few sound bites on the radio or TV, maybe peek at the campaign mailers as they pile up in the mail box. With Win My Vote, the students could see and hear directly from the candidates, get to know them...” said a middle school teacher in San Francisco, CA.



Votes come in from all 50 states, Washington, D.C., the territories, and all around the world where American schools are based. These students are our future voters and our future presidents, governors, senators, members of Congress, judges and most important, the citizens of tomorrow.

For the first time in history, more than 1/3 of the eligible electorate will be young Americans ages 18-31. They will have the power to determine the direction of our democracy. “There has never been a more important election or more important time for students and their parents to participate in in our democracy”, said Gloria Kirshner, President of the National Student/Parent Mock Election. Over 60 national organizations ranging from the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the National Association of Elementary School Principals to the American Association of School Administrators cooperate with the project.

Students could also answer questions on four national topics:



**ECONOMY**



**IMMIGRATION**



**DEMOCRACY**



**LIBERTY / JUSTICE**

Students were invited to comment on possible actions a citizen might take to become more involved in his / her government. Choices ranged from:

- Do nothing.
- Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper.
- Contact your local radio or TV station.
- Contact your Congressman/woman.
- Use social media and the internet to find others who are concerned.
- Put together a group who share your views to work for change.