

My voice in democracy

I am going to be talking about American democracy and how we children can have a voice in it. Children like me can have a voice if we really try to. For example, I have gone in front of my village council, for something I was very passionate about. Anywhere you volunteer you can make a change for your community. There are also ways in my school community to have a voice.

A couple years ago my younger sister and I had the idea that we wanted chickens in our small town, it was against the law. We decided to start a petition to change the law to allow us to have chickens. We went to the council meeting later that night and presented our speech that we had planned to read to the council members. While the law did not get changed we were still proud of the fact that we had presented it to the council.

At my school, there is a small group of kids that come together monthly at the end of the school day to help with our school. It is called Project Love. For example we have been using our voices to help people understand to stay drug free for red ribbon week. Other places kids can volunteer are food banks or maybe even a children's hospital. My point is that volunteering can change your community or what people think.

American democracy is modeled within the school system as well. Student council is a prime example of this. If there is a problem in our school, the student council can help with that. For example they have planned the school dances and all of the fun events. Like any other adult campaign would, the student council has to run for office and be elected. When I am old enough I plan on running for the council.

In conclusion there are a lot of different ways children can have a voice in democracy. Children have a voice that they can use, but some do not. It is very important that young children like me use their voice every chance they get.