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How can more West Virginia women be encouraged to become more involved in state politics?

Do you or the women in your life take an active role in state politics? From running for office to simply voting, it is all extremely important. Statistics have shown that out of 1800 countries only 11 are ran by women. Our democracy is 228 years old and women have only had the right to vote for 84 years. Do women take this right for granted, or do they go to the poles? Why and how can women be encouraged to become involved in state politics?

First, by following good examples set by the strong women who are around you. It is important for family members to learn by example. When you go to the poles on Election Day, encourage a member of the younger generation to come along. Discuss your views and ideas with someone and encourage their opinions. Watch the news or read a newspaper together.

Secondly, if you have the option, join a local union. A union will provide information about issues or candidate's views that are in favor of your profession or will help improve the work environment, pay scale, or health benefits. If a union is not available consider joining an active women's group or even a church organization.

If you have the opportunity to serve as a role model, you could influence so many women young and old. Consider it a civic duty to pass along the desire to learn about our state government, to become more informed, and to want to serve others.