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To folks I know:

You're receiving this because I think you care about what is happening or will be happening in our nation in coming months and years.

I have one ask: urge everyone you know to be registered and to cast a well-informed vote for all offices. Don't tarry: The next four months will fly by – election day is 127 days from now. Most states have early voting long before Nov. 5.

Yes, I'm "old", born 1940; 2 ½ years old when Joe Biden joined humanity. I started first grade in 1946, months after WWII ended. Every single one of my earliest mentors in life lived through the Great Depression of the 1930s and WWII. How it was for them very easily can be how it will be for us, if we are not vigilant, informed and active. Far too many of those eligible to vote don't vote at all, and far too many of those who vote seem to have little notion of the consequences of their mark (or lack of same) on their ballot.

Every state has its own rules. Here's the general U.S. website. <https://vote.gov>.

I will continue to blog, as usual – see July 1 2024 - but likely less about the election until later August, when both political parties have endorsed their candidates, and before early voting begins in any state.

We are the only ones who can make a difference. The ball is in the voters' court, and every one of us will have to live with the consequences of sloppy voting (or not voting at all.).

Have a great 4th!

Dick.