



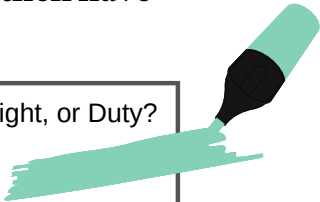
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Writing Extensions

Directions: Below is a sample card - practice writing an extension for it, then have your coach or a teammate review it!

Rovensky 08 [Jan Rovensky, Doctoral Student of Political Theory, 2008, "Voting: A Citizen's Right, or Duty? The Case against Compulsory Voting," Luiss Guido Carli]

In other words, the right to abstain acts as a convenient and discrete way for citizens who do not vote in order to show their protest to 'slip out the back door' without further repercussions whatever their reasons for non-voting may be. If citizens do not regard nonvoting as a passive way of staging a protest and their grounds for not showing up at the election is not laziness, there are probably other, more mundane causes. First of all, the right not to vote enables people without any real political knowledge to admit their ignorance without forcing them to make uninformed decisions which may otherwise upset the democratic system. Non-voting as much as an active process of disobedience can also be interpreted as an honest gesture of simply admitting the fact that one does not have the knowledge to make a well-considered political judgment. Poorly informed voters tend to make decisions based on irrational personal preferences that do not reflect on the given political situation thus further fuelling populist politics.



Write The Extension:
