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After so many years of hearing "wait until you're 18," it can be exciting to step up to the polls for your very first time.

That's why IU's resources are here to help you register, figure out how and where to vote, and learn about the issues and candidates that will affect your life in crucial ways. When you hit the polls on election day, you'll be equipped to make the decisions that make the world a better place for you.

All that newfound freedom you have includes the freedom to make your voice heard and choose your representatives. So take matters into your own hands – and remember, you don't have to do everything just the way your mom taught you.







Being a first-timer at the polls is nothing to be ashamed of. Of course, your first time voting can be scary, but it doesn't have to be.

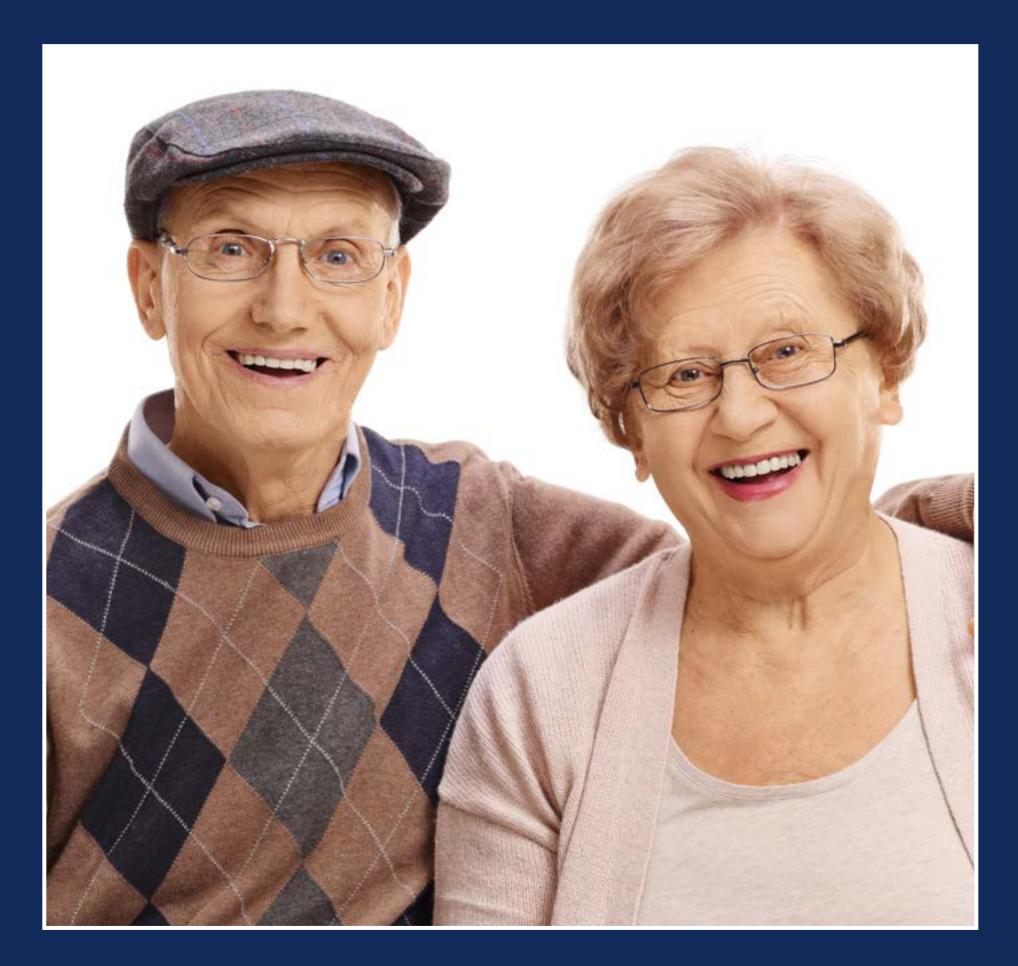
IU's resources are here to help you get registered and figure out how and where to cast your ballot. Once you know that, you'll be ahead of the curve: only 39% of Americans believe that voters are knowledgeable about candidates and issues. But by voting regularly, keeping up with legislation, and checking in with your own representatives, you can keep democracy going and become the expert you always knew you could be.

So take time to learn about your ballot, then go make your voice heard. Communication is the key to every healthy relationship, *right?*





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Your first time voting can be a life-changing experience - but you'll never know how great it is until you try it out for yourself.

That's why IU has resources to help you get registered, figure out how and when to vote, and learn about the candidates and issues that will affect your life. And it will affect your life, no question about it: voting regularly

and staying informed is key to keeping your democracy afloat, making your voice heard, and changing your world for the better.

So go ahead, take a moment to register. And another to learn about your elected officials. And another to show up at the polls. You know your grandparents will be there. Why shouldn't you be doing it, too?





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Some people love to talk about their first time voting. For others, political decisions are more of a personal thing.

But being an informed voter is important for everyone, whether or not you talk about your own ballot. That's why IU has resources to help you learn about the candidates and key issues and figure out how and when to vote. A majority of Americans say they have little or no confidence in the political wisdom of the American people. But voting regularly and staying informed are what makes democracy work. Whether you chat about your favorite candidates over dinner or keep them more private, it's worth it to know more about them than just their names.

