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Dear Editor,

This country is in sad shape. The government is corrupt, the economy faltering, and the citizenry distracted. We need a revitalization and I have just the plan. I propose a small amendment to the constitution that would only allow immigrants the right to vote. I mean it makes sense when you think about it- after all these people appreciate the value of democracy and freedom enough to fight against insurmountable odds, risking their lives and health to travel to an inhospitable country where they live in constant fear of being deported while being exploited by soulless factory managers. That's real pioneer spirit!

Based on the dismal turnout from the last election, we can't allow the course of this great country to be decided by couch potato natives who would rather sit passively watching the new Fall TV lineup than do their civic duty once or twice a year (God forbid they should actually educate themselves on real issues).

This country was founded, built and made great by millions of immigrants and I say we should let their true and tested wisdom guide this country in these difficult years ahead. They couldn't possibly do a worse job than we have.

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