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LD 175

We should amend our Maine constitution to ensure that ONLY U.S. citizens can vote in our elections. Supporting non-citizens voting is a disastrous policy and blatantly promotes a culture of dishonesty.

If a person wants to vote, then he or she must earn the right - become a full-fledged U.S. citizen by following the full legal process.

When I lived in post-communist Europe for many years, there was a strict divide between citizen and non-citizen, and no one apologized. Merely to gain permanent residency (not even citizenship), I needed to endure a years-long process and pass various hurdles. This showed that the citizens loved and honored their country, and they weren't going to allow foreigners to sway politics until these foreigners had made a full and complete commitment to that country. Making citizenship time-consuming ensured that gold diggers gave up and left.

How can a person who hasn't spent any significant time in a country, isn't from that culture, probably poorly speaks the language, and certainly hasn't paid a loyalty fee through years of contributing be trusted to vote with any degree of intelligence? A non-citizen is a perfect target for political manipulation - false fears, and false promises.

The only politicians who would desire to circumvent this natural citizenship requirement, a requirement every other country understands very well, are those who intend to use non-citizens to manipulate election results. By bloating the numbers and introducing chaos, they can facilitate the results they want.

Please defend election integrity by voting 'Ought to Pass' on LD 175.