**Why Bother to Vote?**

How many times have you heard or said, “Why bother to vote? All politicians are the same.” That may have been the case before; but this election is totally different, and there is a vast difference between the two parties. Name a topic and look at the difference.

**Minimum Wage-** One party promises a $ 15.00 federal minimum wage. In addition, the same Party wants 3-month FAMILY leave, meaning that when a baby is born, the mother AND the Father take off 3 months WITH PAY. The other party’s candidate wants to let each state determine their own minimum wage.

**Health Care -** One party is in love with the European system, known as Single Payer. The Federal government’s employees would be in total control of every citizen’s health care. The Opposing party’s candidate would, again, let each state decide on their own.

**Guns -** One party looks with approval at the plan in Australia as the one to imitate. To assure the safety of all its citizens, Australia required everyone who owned a gun to submit the name and serial number to the government. A couple of years later, again for the safety of all, they required that all the guns be turned in, then burned them all. The opposing party is endorsed by the National Rifle Association, and promises to uphold the 2nd Amendment of the Constitution.

Staying on the gun issue for a moment, President Obama just visited Hiroshima to reflect on the dropping of the first Atomic Bomb. We all know that Japan attacked the United States on December 7, 1941 at Pearl Harbor. What many people do not know is that the Emperor of Japan then ordered Admiral Yamamoto to attack the U.S. mainland. Yamamoto Said that he would not, because there is a gun behind every blade of grass in the United States.”

**Education-** One party has implemented, and is in total support of COMMON CORE, which sets the same standards for all states. The opposing party would again let each state make their own rules and curriculum.

**Free Stuff-** One party promises Free education, from pre K through Graduate School. The Student would get their entire education and the country would pay for it. The opposing party would go back to the system that was in place a decade or so ago, where each Person pays their own way, and applies for help rather than it being automatic.

**Military-** One party has diminished the military to less than it was before World War Two, and would

reduce it even further. The other party plans to build up the military to being greater than

It was before Obama took office.

The above is a great example of Democracy versus Republic. So many people speak of the

United States as a Democracy, when it is not. When Benjamin Franklin was leaving the building where they had just finalized our new government, it is said that a lady shouted from the crowd, “Doctor Franklin, what kind of government have you given us?” Mr. Franklin answered, “A Republic, if you can keep it.”

*For those who said, “I wish the politicians wouldn’t be the same - you have finally gotten your wish.*