April 26th was election day. One of the greatest rights we Americans have is the right to vote. I voted at South Carroll High School. Not all countries have the right to vote. Over two hundred years ago thirteen tiny colonies took on the greatest army and navy in the world to give us the right to do what we did April 26th. At Fort McHenry, during the bombardment, Baltimoreans stacked the bodies of their comrades around the flagpole for the British to see. They gave us the right to vote.

 After I voted the poll worker gave me a sticker saying I VOTED. I have a suggestion. There should be a sticker that you have to wear on your forehead that says I DID NOT VOTE if you did not. The reason is simple.

I remember elections all the way back to the John Kennedy election. Before, during and after the elections, I remember hearing people bitch. However, I NEVER heard bitching as I hear now. Choose one of the quotes below and tell me if you have heard it.

“I hate the Republican Establishment (those in power) so I’m voting for Donald Trump.”

 “I hate the Republican establishment so I’m voting for Ted Cruz.”

“I don’t want Hillary Clinton so I am voting Republican for the first time.”

There are many more; but you get the point. Voters are expressing their emotions by planning to vote FOR or AGAINST something. In fact, millions of people who have never voted before are voting this time.

 However, in THIS election, I am hearing more and more people saying that they are NOT GOING TO VOTE AT ALL. Some do not like the likely front-runner in one party or the other. Some do not like anyone at all. They have the RIGHT to like or dislike anyone running. Nevertheless, they do NOT have the right to bitch about the outcome if they do not vote.

After the election, no matter who wins, people will come up to me (and you) to bitch about the winner. When they do, I will ask them, “Did you vote?” If they say “NO”, then I will tell them they have no right to complain.