

Why Do People Vote

When the election is likely to be close and the person's vote may change the election result:

- People may vote to support a particular politician.
- People may vote to remove incumbents (“Throw the rascals out.”)

When the election is not likely to be close and a person's vote is not likely to change the election result:

- People may believe it is their civic duty to vote.
- People may vote to voice their opinions regardless of the likely outcome.
- People may vote in order to feel they are part of the winning team.