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It is fast approaching time to vote again and it's sad so many people are apathetic to the direction of our city, county, state and nation. So many politicians have turned their back on the people. It's no wonder we don't care anymore.

Where are the leaders who will stick by their word and stand for right (ethics)? Where are the godly men and women of our nation that can and should be running our various governments? Who will once again listen to the ordinary, simple and common sensedites of our country?

The issues that are facing our nation are very serious and could have grave consequences if we allow "wrong" to reign in the country. I really wonder if people anymore really know right from wrong or do we wait on someone to tell us?

We are spending money we don't have! Who was raised to do such nonsense? We allow criminals in prison to live better than those below poverty level. We don't need higher taxes; we need to quit spending what we don't have!

We support countries that will not help us when we ask for it. I say, cut them off!

We need a national health care insurance for those under 6, over 65 and those disabled. Why can't we take care of those that need it? God said, if an able man doesn't work, he shouldn't expect to eat.

How long will it take us to use some plain, common sense and level headedness to our nation's woes? Whoever heard of killing little babies (abortion) or those too old (euthanasia)?

Our supposedly smart and right-thinking Supreme Court judges will decide these issues in the future. What's to decide when they are wrong? What's to decide when one human being forfeits his rights (voting-felony) when they murder another person? When will we put a stop to the spread by AIDS by homosexuals?

When will our governmental leaders stop skirting the issues and compromising the values, standard and morals this country was started on? The bottom line, to the decline of American at home, school, work and church is that we kicked God out and we are reaping what we have sown. I fear there is no turning back.

When you vote Nov. 6, just ask one question. Is this person willing to stand for what is right and against what is wrong in whatever issues comes up? If they can't, then do not vote for them. The future of America, our children, and grandchildren depend on it.

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