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Good day,

Seriously incarcerated people should have the right to vote?

Incarcerated people, due to their actions, have been removed from society. They have forfeited their rights through the actions that led them to be incarcerated from participating in activities that law abiding people have the privilege or right to do. That is the point of incarceration.

We limit the rights of incarcerated people for a reason. Even after their release from the Department of Corrections we limit their rights. The obvious right limited is the right to bear arms. Felons are prohibited persons. A misdemeanor conviction for domestic abuse even makes that person a prohibited person.

Violating laws have consequences, being incarcerated limits their rights. If it was so important for the inmate to exercise their right to vote. Maybe they should not have committed a crime that would lead to the removal of that right.

Then Floyd might feel he needs more votes. Then that is no reason to change the laws as they stand.

Thank you,
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