

OPINION

It's not how many vote, but how many are informed

In your March 7 editorial ("Since when is scoring 20% a good thing?"), you lamented that only 20.7 percent of the eligible electors voted.

Generally, I agree with you.

Specifically, I disagree.

The only people we want to vote are those who know the candidates and their platforms. Most Comal County citizens know neither. For proof, ask the next person you meet on the street the following basic questions:

- Who is your commissioner?
- On what day of the week do the commissioners meet?
- How many (to the nearest hundred thousand) of your tax dollars were given away to Walmart and a San Antonio multimillionaire in an abatement?

Only current events-educated people can answer those, and odds are that they are the ones who voted. Since most people do not keep up on political activities that affect them, their votes would not be well considered.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The real problem is not that so few voted. It is that so few voters are aware of what is going on around them. If those 80 percent people did vote, they would make random selections.

We do not need them at the polls. We are, sad to say, fortunate they stayed home.

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