

ASK AN EXPERT

DR. EARL FRY

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The breadth of knowledge represented by the faculty of BYU's College of Family, Home, and Social Sciences is astounding...and now available online! In the past academic year, we have hosted a variety of Twitter parties which gave our audiences unprecedented access to our experts. In October 2015, political science professor Dr. Earl Fry, author of *Lament for America: Decline of the Superpower, Plan for Renewal*, answered questions about the reasons and the ways that millennials can and should pay attention to elections.

These are Dr. Fry's answers, from which we can all draw some helpful tips:

1. RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR GENERATION.

@emilyj912 asked: Millennials are the future of the country. How do you suggest millennials become more interested in the future of America?

"We are a 'can do' nation" said Dr. Fry. "Millennials can play a key role in helping America's future. An educated electorate will mean that those running for office must listen to you and also consider your solutions to current problems."

2. ASK EXPERTS ABOUT WHAT THE ISSUES ARE, AND HOW TO GET INVOLVED.

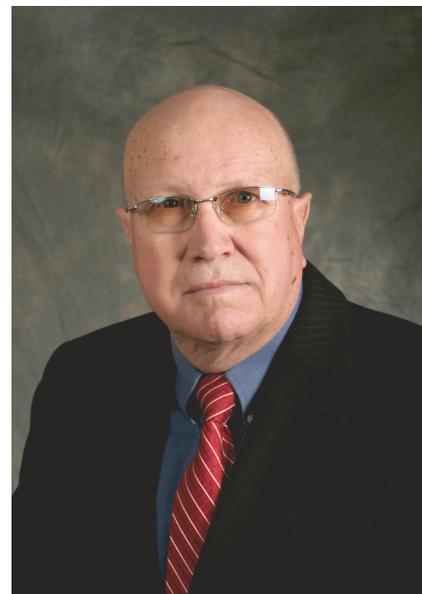
@manderson_a5 asked: What would you have millennials pay attention to during this upcoming election?

"Millennials [should] think about the burden placed on them in terms of student debt and future social security and medicare benefits. Taxes must be restructured to put more of the burden on older and richer people and less on young people just entering the work force."

3. IDENTIFY CHALLENGES SPECIFIC TO YOUR COMMUNITY: AND CONFRONT THEM HEAD ON.

@emilyj912 asked how do Americans unite as ONE group despite religion, race, politics etc?

Dr. Fry responded: "We as [Americans]...have overcome differences before; and if we know how serious ...the problems [are that] we face in a rapidly changing world, we will band together and embrace workable solutions for the good of national progress and stability."



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