

Sitting in my eighth-grade classroom, I stealthily check my email, hoping for news updates from The New York Times or CNN about the heightened COVID-19 crisis in India, my country of origin. Older members of Gen Z will have an opportunity to vote in upcoming elections, but with this freedom comes responsibility; they must ensure that they will make an informed choice by consistently reading the news from unbiased, factual sources. The emphasis here should be on low-information, because without education and a factual understanding of current events, voters can elect unqualified candidates into office. Gen Z-ers must recognize that voting is a highly important right that many other nations don't have. Although social media is a great tool in itself, when it becomes the primary vehicle of informing the general public, many of the stories circulating must be taken with a grain of salt. "Shreya's a boomer." "Yeah," my friend adds. We must take it seriously. Reading the news on social media is not enough. So, please, pick up the paper.