

Politics

Former Oregon Senator Gary George was in a conversation with my then 8 year old son. Senator George asked my son, "Do you know what Politics is?" My son looked a little confused, but understood clearly when the senator broke down the word for him...

POLITICS: Poly means many, and Ticks are blood sucking insects.

It's my belief that too many people are, 1). stepping back while grumbling and complaining, or 2). stepping out of the political process entirely.

These are not productive responses to affect change.

Get In The Game

Are you registered to vote? <https://sos.oregon.gov/voting/Pages/registration.aspx>

Exercise your Constitutional Right to VOTE. No excuses! Vote by Mail is so easy.

The **Oregon Political Tax Credit** is another specific and tangible way to affect change. Do you care about a specific issue? Do you support a specific candidate, or party at local, county, state, or national levels. The political process is expensive! You can be a part of the funding that is necessary to create the change you want to happen.

Here's how it works:

1. You donate \$50 (if you file single) or \$100 (if you file joint) to a Political Action Committee (PAC), a political party, or political candidate.
2. When the time comes to pay your taxes or get a rebate check the box to indicate you made a political contribution.
3. You get it all back. 100% of it! This is not a deduction, folks, it's a full credit back to you: an increase in your refund, or a decrease in taxes owed by the full \$50 or \$100 donation. Think of it as a political loan that's fully repaid (no interest, though!). OAR #150-316-0120 - Credit for Political Contributions

It's not too late to make your political contribution for 2019. You will get that money back when you file your 2019 Oregon State tax returns. I've heard from candidates Oregon candidates who say without the Oregon Political Tax Credit funds, they would not be able to run for office.

If you have any questions about ANYTHING PERSONAL FINANCE please contact me for a conversation.



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