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Letter to the Editor

From: David Simmons david.simmons6@undisclosed.com
To: Nick Gardiner enpg@thepassypress.com
Date: October 14, 2016 at 11:52:40 PM
Subject: Re: New Essay by George Cadwalader on Mandatory Voting

Dear Sir,

Thanks for putting Cadwalader's essay under my nose. I was seriously considering not voting until I read this.

I forwarded the URL to your site (thinking of free advertising for it) and thus to the icon for the essay to a friend who faces a similar dilemma to mine: unwilling to vote for either of the two major candidates and uncertain about voting for the other two alternatives. He, at least, has decided is going to go the write-in route. I might, too, and Ben Franklin comes to mind.

It's really weird here, and scary, too. Twice in the past week, I drove back roads from Boston to Gloucester with my eye out for political signs in support of Hillary and Trump. The total count was five (5). The same lack of signage is apparent in bumper stickers. This dearth could be due to apathy, embarrassment, shyness, or fear of retaliation, but it is distinctly unusual for a presidential election in my experience around Boston. Just another reason to live in Paris!

Sincerely,

Dave

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