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Making Email Jokes Worthwhile?

I get numerous email jokes each day; sometimes so many that it takes as much time to delete them as it did to write this memo. I usually never read them, nor do I forward them on to bring myself "good fortune" as they usually suggest will be the case; I simply just don't have time. However, lately many of the email jokes I receive are politically related so I thought I would read a few. I'll have to admit, some are actually humorous and some even make a reasonable point. But, are the jokes only for fun, or can they really make a difference?

How effective could the jokes be if we took just a few moments to think about them and ask ourselves a few questions such as?

1. Did I vote? It only takes about as much time to vote than to send out the emails.
2. Did I vote consistent with the email jokes or did I forward something that may be in conflict with my values and principles; or in conflict with our Constitution?
3. How do my elected officials vote on the issues? Since we are on the computers, please take a few extra moments to research their voting records.
4. How about the candidates running in the 2008 election? What are their voting records or stances on the issues? The proof is in the facts, which often differ from the information in the emails and on the news channels.

These are just a few questions to ask ourselves and it will only take a few extra moments to answer them and turn our computers into powerful tools to affect change this year! So, how about appending our answers to the emails and asking the recipients to **TAKE ACTION** and **GET OUT THE VOTE** this year? Who knows, our efforts may then actually bring "good fortune."

Thank you for your time,

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