

Amari Banks – Ogden International High School

Daily Meeting



Daily Meeting is a part of a series that displays citizenship and democracy through the eyes of the people in everyday action. To achieve this photo I used a Canon Powershot SX170IS to capture my aunt and mother while they were creating packets before their Chicago Teacher's Union meeting. I also used a form of design software to overlay the images for that contrasted effect. The preparation before the meeting is normally the time where everyone is allowed to voice their opinions and agree on the issues before presenting them at the formal meeting. It exemplifies American democracy through the unity and voice that the CTU has, as well as its effects on its members. Each member takes action in their own school community to better the education for their students. Creating a packet to promote the bettering for teachers and students is what the CTU strives for and what citizens take pride in.

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Voting to Make Change**



The photo above titled “Voting to Make Change” shows two men, one a part of an organization called the “Englewood Political Task Force” and the other just a citizen of American who’s apart of the Englewood Community. The man in the hat is showing how importance it is to have a voice by signing the other up for a Voters Registration Card. We all know that Voting is one of the biggest aspects of being an American and showing Democracy. We all come together to choose who we want in office by working together along with those officials to help make change. This photo was taken by my cell phone after seeing the community activist taking part in making the citizens of his community known about voting, I asked if I could simply take a picture of the civic duty he was participating in. I did add only color enhancing filter to broaden the image and make a better and more appealing photo to you the viewers. The significance was explained at the beginning with the context, but this is mainly to show people in action. Those who are making us known about voting and our rights outside of the White House. Take the challenge and encourage a person to sign up to vote or if you’re old enough, sign up because your voice and vote counts.

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