

# Ethics of Voting

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*“Philosophy is about seeking enduring truths and principles that transcend individual events.”*

*David J. Koene looks forward to a lively discussion that will examine...*

- **“The ethical principles that guide our voting decisions.”**
- **However, “it will not focus on why any of us should vote for Candidate A and not Candidate B in 2020.”**
- **Instead, “we will consider voting ethics in the abstract, considering principles that apply to every election...**
  1. *“Is there a duty to vote?”*
  2. *“Is it wrong to vote for evil? Or is it obligatory to vote for evil if that evil is less than the likely alternative evil?”*
  3. *“Should I vote in such a way that if everyone voted like me, wise candidates would be elected?”*
  4. *“Or should I make each voting decision on the likely actual result of that individual decision, choosing the greatest good for the greatest number?”*

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**BRIEF BIO:** David Koene “moved to Madison in 1993 to attend graduate school in philosophy.” He “worked for the public library until 2008,” when he started his own business — Koene Courier Service.



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