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## A Plea to the "Foreign Vote", 1928

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A PLEA TO THE "FOREIGN VOTER," *so called.*  
By F.M. Huntington-Wilson.

Whether you were naturalized this year as an American citizen, or whether you were born an American citizen of foreign parents, remember that, once you are an American citizen, you are the equal in citizenship of all other American citizens. The older American citizens welcome you to the full and equal enjoyment of all the political rights and of all the social, educational, and economic advantages and opportunities of this great country. You are members in good standing of the American family. You join us in our life, our liberty and our pursuit of happiness.

This is what the older Americans, through the Constitution, the laws and the policies of the United States, and those of the States of the Union, have given you.

What, in turn, do you owe to your brothers, the older Americans? By being Americans we are all sworn to be Americans only. There can rightly be no "foreign vote" because only Americans have the right to vote. The only vote that is faithful to the citizen's duty is a vote based on what he honestly believes is best for his country. What is best for a man's country is sure to be what is best for himself.

The duty of a recently naturalized American or an American of foreign parentage is exactly the same as the duty of an American whose family has been in America for centuries. Your rights and privileges are the same. Your duties are the same. What you owe to this country, then, is to vote like any other American, without regard to race or past nationality, and, of course, without regard to religion. Do you think Hoover or Smith is the better qualified to be President? Do you think the Republican policies or the Democratic policies are better for the United States and for Connecticut, and for your city and for yourself?



These are the only questions. If you answer them honestly and intelligently and as plain American citizens, which you are and must be, whatever your origin, I cannot believe that you can fail to vote the straight Republican ticket.

Why? Are you wets? Very well. The drys would never admit that the test of the experiment of prohibition under Smith would count. That means delay of any change. Secondly, no dry would listen to Smith. To Hoover, if we can convince him that there should be modification, the whole country would listen. We have got to convince a lot of drys to get a change. Intelligent wets see this. Do not be fooled by Smith's promises of wine or beer or liquor. He can do less than nothing. He is no Czar. The Democratic platform is dry.

So with the tariff. Without high protection you will be impoverished. Under a Republican administration you are sure of high protection. The Democratic platform is not for high protection. Again, do not be fooled by Smith's promises. It would be a Democratic Congress that would perform, and you know what that always means. It always means hard times.

The Republican candidate for President is, to any thinking man, immeasurably superior to the Democratic candidate. As to prohibition, the tariff, immigration, water-ways, hydroelectric power, foreign affairs, economical efficient administration, taxation,- indeed in every issue that interests you, the Republican candidates and the Republican policies are those that will best serve you in your daily life. The Republican candidates and the Republican policies are the ones to bring prosperity to your homes, to your City, to your State and to your country.

I only ask you to consider the question fairly, honestly and ~~thoroughly~~ thoughtfully

and then to vote as genuine Americans on the real issues and nothing else. If you do this I am sure you will vote the straight Republican ticket.