It’s Election Day. In the coming hours the final votes will be cast, and every local, state and gubernatorial seat will be decided.

Iowa State is a diverse place, and students cast votes all over the spectrum. However, there’s a lot for new voters to absorb, and it can be hard to determine what issues matter most.

Students from multiple Iowa State political groups offered their opinions about what issues voters should think about when they go through the ballot, and decided economics, healthcare and climate change are their top three issues.

HEALTHCARE

Healthcare has been one of the top issues in the midterm elections. Fred Hubbell, the Democratic candidate for governor, criticized Gov. Kim Reynolds for her Medicaid policies, which gives control of Medicaid to private companies.

Most of the things voters care about are decided on the local level as well. “It’s really in your backyard where the policies that have a day-to-day impact on your lives take place. A good example of this would be taxation policy,” Shaw said.

Property taxes are decided on both the city and county level and those taxes are used as the revenues for local initiatives. Everything from water quality to electricity rates are local decisions.

While these offices impact people’s lives more than any other, Shaw said it is also where people ironically see the lowest levels of participation, and there “isn’t really a great answer” as to why there is less turnout.

Regardless, these elections have a large impact on the lives of voters in Story County and the rest of Iowa. In the last two years alone, massive changes happened to union rights and bargaining rights of public employees, mental healthcare reforms and large scale tax reforms.
CAVLLENDAR
Tuesday, Nov. 6

Tuesday Day: Pubs are open from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Men's Basketball
7 to 9 p.m. at Hilton Coliseum
The Cyclones will play Alum-

bama State.
Open Mic Night
8 p.m. at The Maintenance
Shop students can show off
their talents or enjoy the
others perform. Sign up starts
at 7:30 p.m. before all lists
are filled.

Wednesday, Nov. 7
Mid-century Modern for
Designed Interiors
7 to 8 p.m. at Christie Petersen
Art Museum an exhibition
will showcase taste, fashion
and life from 1945 through
the 1960s.

The Hunts
8 p.m. at The Maintenance
Shop a Virginia-based band,
similar to Oh Honey, The Lone
Below, Penny and Sparrow,
will perform. The group is
made up of seven siblings
who've grown up playing mu-

sic together. The show costs
$12 ($8 w/ ISU Student ID)

Thursday, Nov. 8
Conference: Taking the
Road Less Travelled
8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the
Great Hall of the Memorial
Union a conference will be
held for high school girls
school to learn about STEM
fields and how to find careers
that match their influence.

Workshop: Marketing Your
Study Abroad Experience
4 to 5:30 p.m. at 0105
Curts Hall students will
learn how to show employers
their international experience
makes them a well-rounded
candidate by putting it on
their resume or incorporate it
into their interview. RSVP by
Nov. 6.

Daily Dialogue: Panel Dis-
cussion
7 to 8 p.m. in the Pioneer
Room of the Memorial
Union a panel will be held by
the Iowa State Daily where five
speakers will discuss stories
relating to politics.

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The 2018 midterms will decide the course of the state and federal government in many ways. 

Iowa's governor of which Kim Reynolds is the incumbent. Reynolds became governor after Republican Terry Branstad left the position early in 2017 so he hasn't had to campaign as the main candidate until now. Her opponent Fred Hubbell is the Democratic party's candidate and has experience in the private sector. 

Hubbell's focus on higher education has been about putting in cuts for funding for Iowa universities which increases costs for those attending. He is promising to increase support for universities but hasn't fully clarified how that will be accomplished yet. 

Senior Lecturer Kelly Shaw said this focus may be in an effort to reach a new demographic base while also being a common Democrat position. “The Democrats have always been better at reaching young people than the Republicans,” Shaw said. 

Reynolds is taking a different approach to her campaign. Her focus is on the strong state of the economy. The Iowa budget has surpassed many people's expectations and is currently at a surplus. Historically speaking, when an economy is doing well people believe employers are more likely to hire workers which helps to initiate the improvement. This may be an added challenge for Hubbell as Shaw says, “People will be more picky about jobs. 

Nevertheless, Hubbell is leading in several polls indicating that the governor's race will be very competitive. 

Elsewhere in the state, there are many expected tight congressional races. In the first congressional district, Republican incumbent Rod Blum is expected to lose his election against Democrat Abby Finkenauer. 

Blum has recently been involved in a scandal where he failed to disclose his role in an internet marketing company on a required form and is now under a U.S. House ethics committee investigation. Finkenauer is looking to capitalize and help her party win back a majority in the U.S. House of Representatives. 

In the third congressional district, Republican incumbent David Young is essentially tied with his Democratic opponent, Cindy Axne. 

The fourth district race is a close contest with an incumbent, Steve King, running against Democrat J.D. Scholten. Shaw said King has not had a very difficult time winning his district in the past years, but this time, things are different. “Scholten has run a great campaign...” said Shaw. 

Democrats likely to flip some state & national seats

ECONOMICS

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Reynolds has been critical of research and development tax credits Reynolds's administration gives to corporations. According to the Des Moines Register, this cost $42 million in taxpayer dollars. Hubbell wants to take that money and use it to fund higher education and renewable energy.

“We’re the wealthiest country in the world, we can afford to take care of our people,” Blair said.

-Taylor Blair, President, College Democrats

Modi emphasized that Republicans like Reynolds want to find solutions to climate change too, but aren't convinced by the data as Democrats are. 

“Both sides agree climate change is an issue,” Modi said. “Republicans absolutely believe it's a problem and want it fixed, but we can’t force people into poverty to address climate change.” 

Modi believes that to vote for the incumbent who helps to fund oil companies, carbon and fossil fuel emissions would wreck the economy and drastically affect the lives of Americans. 

“We shouldn’t take drastic measures over something we haven’t fully researched,” Modi said. “We know that human activity is having an affect on the climate, but we don’t know the full extent of that yet.” 

Blair disagrees, and referred to the International Panel on Climate Change report that indicated the world could see dangerous levels of flooding and temperature increases by 2040 if carbon emissions aren’t greatly reduced. “Climate change is the biggest issue we’re facing and it doesn’t get talked about enough,” Blair said. “A lot of people are hesitant to act on climate change because of how regulations affect the economy, but climate change is going to affect the economy. What’s it going to do to the economy when Miami is underwater?”

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However, Reynolds has boasted the Iowa economy has the lowest unemployment rate in history. Nhan Wright, a senior in philosophy and economics and president of Iowa State Young Democrats Socialist, said this isn’t a good indicator for how workers are doing.

“Something we’ve learned is that low unemployment doesn’t mean someone is being paid a living wage,” Wright said. “Unemployment points out that we have recorded low unemployment, but some people have to work multiple jobs just to get by.”

A report released by United Way said nearly 40 percent of Iowa households struggle to afford basic needs. Wright thinks other measures should be taken for Iowans, such as increasing the minimum wage.

“Raising the minimum wage in Iowa could mean huge changes in the short term, and I’d like to see that,” Wright said. “But we need to go way past that first step. Most Democrats have good short term policies, but we need to focus on the long term.”

To Wright, there is a paradox that comes along with voting. None of the candidates are radical to bring about the drastic changes he would like to see, but there are candidates that are preferable to others. Wright agrees very little with a candidate’s platform, but he’s voted for them to get small, incremental changes.

Modi said he believes tax rates are the most important issue in this election. “Kim Reynolds wants to keep taxes low and affordable for the middle class and corporations,” Modi said. “It’s easy to get people to what they want with their money, and we shouldn’t have somebody deciding for people how their hard earned money is spent.”

He particularly stressed the importance of having low taxes for corporations.

“It’s easy to trick people down economics,” Modi said. “A criticism of trickle down economics is that corporations don’t spend the saved money on development and they just put it in the bank, but that’s actually a good thing. When banks have more expendable cash, they can give out more loans to more people at better prices.”

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Meet the candidates running in the midterms

The Breakdown

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FEDERAL ELECTIONS

District 4

Democratic J.D. Scholten:
Main Issues: Create a “fair” tax system, promote medicare for all, revitalize unions, rebuild rural economy
Website: scholten4iowa.com

Libertarian Charles Aldrich:
Main Issues: Eliminate all taxes on people making “poverty wages,” end the drug war, decrease military involvement overseas
Website: https://www.facebook.com/Albirchusen/

Secretary of State

Republican Steve King:
Main Issues: Cut regulations and taxes, end abortion, secure borders and fight illegal immigration
Website: steveking.house.gov

Secretary of Agriculture

Democratic Deidre DeJear:
Main Issues: End voter ID law, increase voting access, supporting small businesses
Website: dejearforiowa.com

STATEWIDE ELECTIONS

Treasurer

Democratic Michael Fitzgerald:
Main Issues: Inform Iowans of their unclaimed assets, oversees and encourages college investment plans
Website: iowatreasurer.gov

Auditor

Republican Jeremy Davids:
Main Issues: Prioritize crafting an effective budget, work to properly fund Medicaid and other programs, create complete transparency in budget spending
Website: jeremydavids.com

Attorney General

Democratic Tom Miller:
Main Issues: Further protect and assist victims of crime, increase consumer protections, advocate for farmers
Website: www.iowaatorneygeneral.gov

LOCAL AND COUNTY ELECTIONS

State Senate District 23

Democratic Herman Quirmbach:
Main Issues: Increase funding for higher education, increase funding for healthcare, end privatized Medicaid
Website: senate.iowa.gov/senator/quirmbach

State Representative District 45

Democratic Beth Wessel-Kroeschell:
Main Issues: Increase regent university and K-12 funding, protect pre-existing condition coverage, improve healthcare coverage plans
Website: wesk-kroeschell.com

Secretary of Agriculture

Democratic Tim Gannon:
Main Issues: Improve Iowa’s farm economy, invest in research and conservation efforts, decrease trade barriers
Website: gannonforiowa.com

Secretary of State

Republican Paul Pate
Main Issues: Remove Renewable Fuel Standard Act, cleaner water, end farm subsidies, end tariffs
Website: rickstewart.com

* denotes incumbent, the elections featured are the ones voters in the Ames area will have when going to the polls. Races with one candidate are not featured.
Voting more important now than ever before

Politics can feel diabolical. With all the political ads on TV, print, radio, as well as frequent infiltration in the news cycle, citizens can feel distant — or even unwanted or undervalued — by those in charge of running the world. Does your voice still matter? What does it mean to be a citizen of the United States? Voting is a right that comes as a privilege of being a citizen of the United States. Looking at the history of voting in America, many before us have fought long and hard for the right to have a say in our government. Therefore, voting is not only our way to give our two cents about who and what we want in our government, but it’s also honoring those who did the backbreaking work to get our opinions to matter.

While our country was founded in 1776, people of color could not vote until 1870 and women had to wait another 50 years in order for their voices to be heard. Even more recently, the Voting Rights Act of 1965 was passed by Lyndon B. Johnson to outlaw discriminatory voting practices and ensure every one’s equal access to the voting booth. Yet, we still see discriminatory voting practices taking place throughout the country and specific voices targeted to stay silent. They don’t want us to vote because they know the power our generation has. They know if we all begin to vote, it would likely bring an end to bigotry and xenophobia in the U.S. government.

The matters we’re debating right now in Washington are too large and too important for us not to cast our ballot. Talking to Twitter and Facebook to voice your frustrations over the president and policy is no longer enough and, frankly, if you don’t vote, it’s quite hypocritical to do so.

Voting is the way that, every couple of years, we can actually do something that makes a difference. Yes, one vote might not shake up the ballot booth, but a collective vote will. For those who are frustrated by things they hear in the news everyday, are fed up with minorities being scapegoated for our country’s problems and are wondering if you’re going to wake up tomorrow with fewer rights, then now is your chance to do something.

Those of you who do plan on voting or who have already voted: thank you. For those who have yet to do so: please use your right, privilege and duty as an American citizen to make your voice and your votes heard. Yes, you are just one voice, but you can represent many voices that don’t have this right.

Just vote, people.
Defensive end Matt Lottig fights through a block from an Iowa offensive lineman during the game at Kinnick Stadium in Iowa City on Sept. 8. The Cyclones gave up only 3.7 yards a carry, but had the best run defense in the Big 12, giving up an average of just over three yards per carry. "Kind of a tale of two halves for both sides of the ball," Campbell said. "I think, in the first half..."
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How to Vote

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Iowa’s new voter ID laws might make the prospect of voting seem daunting, but Iowa State students only need their phones to register.

In order to participate in the general election, registered and unregistered voters will need to attend their precinct polling location before casting a ballot.

Iowa’s new voter ID laws are in partial effect for the 2018 midterms, meaning for the 2018 election, and subsequent elections will require voters to bring one of the several accepted forms of identification, including a valid form of identification to vote, as it’s possible to sign an oath of identity swearing that they’re not misrepresenting themselves.

This special rule is only in place for the 2018 election, and subsequent elections will require voters to bring one of the several accepted forms of identification with them.

The Secretary of State’s website lists seven acceptable forms of identification, including the voter ID cards mailed to registered voters, a state-issued driver’s license or ID, U.S. passport or a military, veteran’s or tribal ID, which Secretary of State Paul Pate said should cover most Iowa residents.

The Secretary of State’s website offers a tool that can be used to check current registration status at https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterreg/pollingplace/.

In order to find your precinct’s relevant polling place, visit https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterreg/pollingplace/.

Many people have already voted in Iowa through early voting and absentee voting. For those who haven’t voted yet, above is a map of the different precincts in Ames on Election Day. The precincts are the same as they were in the 2016 election.