

## **Elizabeth the Elector: But Your Candidate Will Lose**

ELIZABETH: There is something important about the actual act of voting. For me it's a very exciting thing because I get to observe government very closely on a day-to-day basis, and then on Monday I'll get to participate very directly. Even when your vote's going to go down, it's important to make the vote. You know, you represent the minority party. You're never going to get your stuff through, but still it's important to make the argument. It's important to call the majority party onto the carpet. It's important to represent Massachusetts and it's important to cast our vote. And no, my guy isn't going to be president, but you know what? I'm part of a country that picks their president every four years. Sometimes we throw the guy who is in there out and no war breaks out, you know? Nothing bad happens.

People get mad and they yell at each other across the dinner table, and that's what happens. I mean, look what happened four years ago. I watched -- like a lot of us I went to watch Fahrenheit 9/11. I remember watching it when it happened, but watching Al Gore preside over the Senate as they reported the votes that George Bush had won, and he knew he had won the popular vote. He was pretty sure if they had recounted Florida, he would have won Florida, which meant he would have won the electoral vote, and what does he do? He presides over the process because the Supreme Court had decided and made their decision and George Bush was going to be president. And there's still a lot of debate over whether he should have fought longer or done something else. I get in arguments with some of my friends about this. I think he felt he was acting in the best interest of the country. I think that's incredibly patriotic. I think that's amazing. I think the United States is one of the only places that that happens. So yeah, I'm damn happy to go and cast my vote for John Kerry knowing it's not going to make any difference, but I'm representing the people of Massachusetts and I think we've picked the right guy.