

Vote Note Fight Post-Viewing Discussion Questions:

Each short film is designed to create discussion about the issues they raise, so please discuss questions about the films in small groups.

The best discussion questions are those that:

- Are open-ended and require others to state or defend an opinion
- Search for a reason why things exist or should exist
- See the issue from multiple viewpoints
- Are thought-provoking
- Invoke passion

We've provided some examples, but feel free to add your own.

EXAMPLES

ELECTION VIOLENCE

1. How familiar are you personally with violence related to elections?
2. Why do you think some people behave violently at polling stations?
3. What do you think the average Nigerian's attitude towards political violence is?
4. Who is affected most by political violence?
5. Who benefits from violence and chaos during voting?
6. What can we as individuals do to stop violence before it happens?
7. What steps could the government take to curb election violence?
8. What are some signs that violence may happen soon?
9. What is the best thing to do when violence breaks out?
10. What are the benefits to elections held without violence?

PVC / VOTER TURNOUT

1. Why do we have Permanent Voter Cards?
2. Why is it so easy to forget that you need a PVC?
3. Where is a place you can keep your PVC so you remember to bring it?
4. What was it like getting your PVC?
5. What would elections be like if no one had PVCs?
6. Do having PVCs encourage or discourage voter turnout?
7. What is the best motivator for someone to vote on election day?
8. What are some reasons people find for not voting?
9. What is the best way to convince someone to take the time to vote?
10. Who benefits from fewer people voting?

VOTE BUYING

1. When and why have you ever sold or considered selling your vote?

2. How much money do you think your vote is worth?
3. Why do you think selling your vote is a bad thing?
4. Has a person who sells their vote automatically given up their right to hold politicians to account when they get into office?
5. Where does the money that is used to buy votes come from ultimately?
6. How do politicians ensure that people vote for them after paying for their votes?
7. Which would you prefer – to sell your vote for a million naira or to have politicians deliver on their electoral promises?
8. Apart from cash, what other things do politicians offer in exchange for votes?
9. Do you know think it is fair that both the buyer and seller of votes are guilty of electoral offences?
10. How can vote buying be brought to an end?

MARGINALIZED GROUPS

1. Do you vote?/ Are you planning to vote in the upcoming election? (If no, why?)
2. What's the one thing that could hinder you from voting on Election Day?
3. In Nigeria, what groups of people do you think find it difficult to participate in Elections?
4. What do you think can be done to make sure every group in the society takes part in Elections?
5. Do you know anyone with disability who has ever voted? What was the experience like for the person?
6. Have you ever witnessed an unfair treatment of a disabled person or an old person during an Election?
7. Has distance to Polling Unit ever been a problem for you on Election day? (If yes, what did you do?)
8. Why do you think some of these difficulties still exist?
9. What do you think can be done to make voting easy for all?
10. How can you as an individual make it easier for someone with difficulty or disability to vote on election day?