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“I’m excited,” she said, “I can’t wait to vote.”

For years, political science scholars believed that unemployment tended to drive down voter participation, because people become concerned with their personal economic concerns and they simply cannot afford the time to cast a ballot.

Other, more recent studies have indicated different trends.

In a 2010 study, Princeton University graduate student Matthew B. Incantalupo found that voter turnout

that to be more actively engaged than we've seen in years past.”