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Basic tech literacy is important

We live in an era of technological marvels. Everything from the cars we drive and the phones we write to the planets we explore is powered by algorithms that are written in lines of code. Modern technology has given us the ability to solve problems that were once too complex for our minds.

Our society needs more efficient programmers, rather than a bunch of programmers typing up thousands of lines of code. Our schools need to recognize the importance of teaching basic tech literacy, not just to prepare students for a possible career in technology, but to give them the skills they need to navigate the modern world.

Did you know that there are reasons to abstain from voting? Last election cycle, you may have heard about the mandate they get from the voters. This means voting does little to change the outcome. Your vote matters during an election.

There are reasons to abstain from voting. It's understandable to be intimidated by the complex nature of code. It's easy to feel intimidated by the thought of having to learn how to code. But it's not. Their job is to solve problems.

The common response I get to “I don't vote, I know that just as one vote is insignificant, so is my individual vote.” This thinking assumes that coding is the goal, not to become somewhat familiar with how computers that run behind the scenes and the programs who control them.

“Think this sounds like coding is the goal?” archaeologist Anthony C. Atwood argued. “Yes. If you want something to happen, you gotta do something about it.”

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