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As part of Gloria Steinem's GLO-Tour, Women of Ohio and the World (WOO) will be hosting a talk by Ms. Steinem in Cincinnati, Ohio. Entitled "Why This is the Most Important Election of My Lifetime," the event will take place at the Unity Thought Center, 1401 East McMillan on Tuesday, October 26 from 5:30-7:00 pm. The talk is free and open to the public on a first-come-first-serve basis.

In addition to the lecture, Women of Ohio and the World will host a fundraising reception from 4:00-5:30 pm, and tickets are \$25. Space is limited. Tickets for the reception can be reserved by emailing WOO at desk@womenofohio.org. "We are thrilled to be welcoming Toledo native Steinem back to Ohio," said Chris Cuomo of Women of Ohio and the World. Women of Ohio and the World is a political organization working to advance progressive values and democracy in the American heartland and beyond. For more information about WOO, visit www.womenofohio.org.

 $\hat{A} \square I \hat{A} \square$ m taking this action, $\hat{A} \square$ says Steinem, $\hat{A} \square$ because $I \hat{A} \square$ ve lived through the election of every US President since Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the fundamental differences in world view between Bush and Kerry make this the most crucial election in my lifetime. $\hat{A} \square$ Steinem adds, $\hat{A} \square$ Whether young people go to war or not, whether women can make their own reproductive decisions or not, whether there is arsenic in our drinking water or respect for the United States in the world $\hat{A} \square$ these are just a few of the life and death questions that depend upon which of these two men is elected President and which Party is in control of Congress. Voters also need to be aware that the next President will likely appoint two or three of the nine Supreme Court Justices, who rule for a lifetime. We are not just talking about four years, but decades of influence over our rights. $\hat{A} \square$

Ms. Steinem notes that women and young people are the majority of undecided voters because they feel less in control of their lives and are less likely to have access to information. They make up their minds in the last weeks or days before the election. By that time, the media has often devolved into $\hat{A} \square$ gotcha $\hat{A} \square$ journalism or even-handed negativism.

 $\hat{A} \square$ You can $\hat{A} \square$ t find out such simple things as the fact that college tuition has gone up a third since Bush took office, $\hat{A} \square$ says Steinem, $\hat{A} \square$ or that worldwide terrorism has increased dramatically since the invasion of Iraq. I want to offer facts, simple comparative lists of issues, and websites for people who want to know more. I also want to hear what people think about these issues. $\hat{A} \square$ Among the topics Steinem plans to discuss along the way include the war in Iraq, unemployment, healthcare, the environment, stem cell research and Supreme Court nominations.



Sponsoring Gloria SteinhemÂ \Box s tour are People for the American Way Voters Alliance, the Feminist Majority Voter Fund, The Planned Parenthood Action Fund, the Young Voter Alliance and the League of Pissed-off Voters. SteinemÂ \Box s tour will include stops in Mentor, OH; Toledo, OH; Cincinnati, OH; Delaware, OH; Pittsburgh, PA; State College, PA; Phoenixville, PA; Philadelphia, PA; Doylestown, PA; Madison, WI; Janesville, WI; and Milwaukee, WI.

For up-to-the-minute information on Gloria's whereabouts beginning on October 25th, call 1-877-GLO-TOUR (456-8687) or visit <u>www.pfaw-votersalliance.org</u>

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