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WATERBURY — At 11 years old, Sha’Nia Cooper won’t be able to vote in a presidential election until 2024.

But despite being under voting age, Sha’Nia does hold strong opinions about the candidates seeking to become the next leader of the United States.



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Like other young people the Republican-American spoke with, she has been paying attention during this presidential race. It has sparked conversations on school yards, in school hallways, at home and on social media.

“If there was a choice to pick neither, I’d pick neither. I want my mom to pick neither,” she said of the candidates, Republican Donald J. Trump and Democrat Hillary R. Clinton.

“Neither of them stay on topic in the election,” she said, referencing the recent televised presidential debates. “They go back and forth interrupting each other 59 times.”

Her mother, Erika Cooper, noted how different today’s conversation about presidential politics is for youth from when she was a child.

You’d learn about the presidential candidates in school or you might hear about them at the dinner table, “but never was there a time when you would hear kids sit down and have their own conversations about the election,” Cooper said.

“I said to her, ‘When you guys go out to the playground what do you talk about?’ She was like, ‘Mom, we were talking about Trump.’ And I’m like, OK ... at recess?”

Abigail Perez, 16, said she hasn’t been following the election all that closely. But her friends have.

“My friends are into politics,” she said. “I hear it all the time.”

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She described that group of friends as “diverse.” They tend to favor Clinton, but think both candidates “are not fit,” she said. She said because of this election, the U.S. is now viewed as a laughingstock by other nations, rather a model for democracy.

She said she’d like to see current First Lady Michelle Obama run for office.

Shayne Purandah, 17, is not optimistic about the outcome of the election, regardless of who wins. “It’s going to be bad either way,” he said. “I feel like we’re going to have our ups and downs either way.”

The first presidential election in which either would be eligible to vote is in 2020.

Devonti Broadnax, 14, said she was concerned that having Clinton in the White House would be just like when Bill Clinton was in office.

Dr. Michael Kisicki, a child psychiatrist at UConn Health, said concern among young people about this election appears to be common.

“I hear a lot of kids come in stressed about the election,” Kisicki said. “They have a lot of questions. I feel more than any other election in the past kids are really talking about it.”

Parents said talking to their children about the election has proved to be a challenge.

“It’s difficult, because our kids our exposed so much more significantly to things at a younger age than we were. So it’s almost like it’s a learning process just being a mom, because we never went through certain things so early on,” Adela Jorge-Nelson said.

“The kids have strong opinions, because it’s very real to them.”

For example, questions around immigration have come up.

Jorge-Nelson said her son was concerned, “asking me if we might get deported, if we might have to move back to Puerto Rico.”

“I said to him, ‘We’re American citizens, so that wouldn’t be the case,’” Jorge-Nelson said.

But her son’s questions and concerns didn’t end there: Could Congress change the law?

His friend from Guatemala, would he be forced to go back to his country?

“This was something, this buildup that he had been worried about,” Jorge-Nelson said, of her son’s concern about what a Trump presidency could mean. “Because it will affect his life and he could really see the connection about how it would impact him.

“How in the world do you explain this?” she said.

Erika Cooper agreed, noting how easily misinformation can spread: “I think for some of the kids it’s really scary, because, how much of it is true in the media, what’s going on?”

Her daughter said children can hear conflicting messages, making it “hard for us kids to understand what our parents are trying to say to us.”

Sha’Nia Cooper does understand that racism continues to be to be an issue in the U.S.

“And he’s making it worse,” she said of Trump. “I think he’s very racist.”

She also disapproves of the things he’s said about women — “Me, as a woman, I take it very seriously,” she said.

Kisicki, the child psychiatrist, said parents taking the opportunity to have “a pleasant conversation” with their children about the election can help them as they develop, particularly during adolescence, when children reach several “important developmental milestones.”

Those milestones include abstract thinking, developing values and moral standards, and understanding more complex relationship issues. Children might develop passionate opinions about politics, but are still learning how manage detailed information, Kisicki said. That learning continues into adulthood.

Ruth Herman Wells, director of Youth Change Workshops, an Oregon-based organization that provides professional development for teachers, counselors and others who work with youth, warned against overexposing young children to a presidential race she described as being more sensational than reality television.

“It makes me look so fondly at ‘Jersey Shore.’ This is so much worse,” Herman Wells said.

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"Younger kids understand just perfectly bad words, and putting others down, and saying things that are really inappropriate. So how do you then say, 'You don't get to do it, but he does,'" Herman Wells said.

Jorge-Nelson said her son's opinions and those of other youth matter.

"It's important ... In a couple of years he's going to be an adult," she said.

"Almost like in a way, all the negativity that has come of this has brought about a positive awareness of what's going on I know just in my own life. It's made some of my friends and families be stronger examples," said Danielle Albert, another parent.

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