Compulsory Voting in America Amy Brown

Why should we be concerned about the United States' low voter turnout? Why should we think that making voting compulsory changes anything? If the outcomes of voting could be shown to have remained the same, would we really have gained anything?
Is it more fair to require everyone vote (including the uninformed and the apathetic) or to only have those vote who are so inclined? Is our current voting system fair enough?
What punishment should accompany compulsory voting? Are \$50 fines enough? Where should we draw the line? What do you think is unjust and what do you think is not strict enough?
What other strategies might improve voter turnout? Which do you prefer? Why?