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COMMUNITY INPUT:

What do you think should be covered more in politics and why?



JACQUELYN HUYNH

Junior in communication studies

I believe there is a lack of representation of Asian American and Pacific Islander issues in politics. There seems to be a sort of “racial binary” in U.S. politics where “race issues” solely revolve around African American and Caucasian issues; this is not to say these issues are not important, but rather other races and ethnicities also exist in America and should be equally represented in politics. Equal representation of Asian/Pacific Islanders and other ethnicities would open up today’s conversations to include other minorities in America that often get left behind or forgotten. A more open conversation will lead to a more informed America about all the peoples that live in this country, not just those who are more popularly represented in politics.

MARLYSSA CROW

Sophomore in environmental studies

One problem that won’t leave anytime soon is climate change. I’m in environmental science, so I get to see firsthand what our lack of environmental policy is doing to us and the world. The fact that many politicians believe that climate change is a myth is concerning to me. Not only is climate change a problem that I wish politics would cover more, but I also think that politics could focus more on health care. Considering the recent Medicaid privatization in Iowa and the problems it has caused, I think that it should be covered on a more national basis. Overall, I think that the less talked about issues should be reintroduced into politics because they will cause even more problems if not addressed.



MEGAN MULLER

Junior in kinesiology and health

I think the national debt needs to be addressed because it is huge and something needs to be done to lower it. Creating more jobs is important so that people are earning an income and keeping our economy afloat, and lowering student loans should be addressed so that more students will be able to go to college, get better jobs, and our society in general will be more educated. These are important to me because they directly impact how I am able to live my life and the opportunities that are available to me.



ROBERT ROBERSON

Sophomore in journalism and mass communications

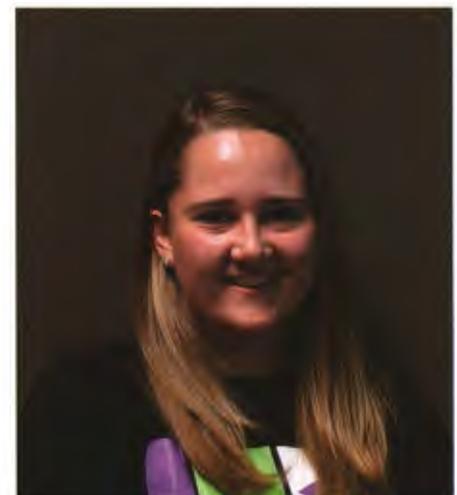
People should focus more on making politicians the topic of politics. These are the people making decisions and building policy, but whether they're qualified to do so or not never seems to be put into question. That being said, topic based politics is bad because it distracts us from what's really going on in the world around us. People need to be more informed and therefore make more informed decisions. These decisions shouldn't be based on what a candidate believes, but their ability to build policy and represent their constituents. So what it comes down to for me is stop looking at topical issues and observe political skill, inform yourself on what's happening around the world, and realize you're being used to convey a specific message.



KELSEY WARFIELD

Junior in event management

I think that childhood education needs to be talked about more. If that also includes conversations about budgets and tax money, then that's reality, but educating the next generation to be well-rounded, open-minded, and innovative is a large part of what I think will benefit America in the long run.



ISABEL GOTTLIEB

Junior in marketing

I think we should be more concerned about global diplomacy, mainly how the leaders and representatives from our country interact and portray the United States. We have to remember that we are only one nation and we need assistance from outside sources, so we should have better relationships with other countries.



BROOKE ALMASI

Junior in public relations

I believe campus safety should be addressed more in politics because violence is prevalent in elementary and high schools as well as on college campuses. I believe the key to addressing this issue is to increase funding in educating students and staff on the protocol in a situation such as an active shooter, as well as teaching them how to defend themselves in a violent situation on campus.

PARKER DEROSIER

Senior in kinesiology and health

As a young American, I believe American foundational values should be covered more in politics. To be more specific, I believe that politicians should cover the values of God and unity. President Ronald Reagan once said, "If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under." Regardless of political beliefs, President Reagan was as right then as he is today. America was founded on a belief that we are one nation under the authority of God and we trust in Him. The reason this is so important to me is because these foundational values are a large part of American history. I strongly believe that the most important message our country needs at the moment is a reminder that we have been, and always will be, One Nation Under God.

