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Donald Trump

Donald Trump has lots of hats to wear. These hats might soon include another: President of the United States. Trump is no stranger to success. He has his own line of suits and even a fragrance line with colognes, such as "Empire" and "Success." It is apparent that Trump has a huge advantage over his other candidates – Trump simply cannot be bought. His father's real estate empire allowed Trump to get a start as a developer. Trump's inheritance saved him at one point when he needed a $20 million loan from his siblings in order to stay afloat. This conflicts with Trump's past statement of being a "self-made" man. His recent popularity in the polls is due to the issues still facing our country today and Trump's views and strives to deal with them. However, it seems based on his explanations about how he will handle foreign policy, that Trump will not handle these issues in the best ways. Trump claims that he will not only remove all non-legal immigrants but he will also deny U.S. citizenship to children born in the United States by parents without citizenship. This is in order to keep the, according to Trump, people that have lots of problems such as Mexico's rapists and crime doers, from entering or staying in the United States. If elected, Trump claims he will build a wall between the U.S. and Mexico and find a way to make Mexico pay for this wall. Trump has not only insulted an entire nationality but has also attacked Fox moderator Megyn Kelly claiming "she had blood coming out of her wherever" when speaking to CNN during August. Trump today cannot lose as a business man but as a possible candidate for the Presidency he falls short. He does not seem to care what people think or say about him which could be worrying if he obtained a position with so much influence as U.S. Commander in Chief. He might prefer to do what he thinks is right or should be done instead of what the general public wants. With Trump and all his beliefs it seems that it will either be Trump's way or the highway when it comes to many of his policies. "I do whine because I want to win and I'm not happy about not winning and I am a whiner and I keep whining and whining until I win," Donald Trump said.

Hillary Clinton

Former Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, was born in Chicago, IL and grew up 15 miles northwest of the same city. As a child she lived in the suburb located northwest of downtown Chicago and early on became involved in politics. As a young woman, Clinton was active in young Republican groups and campaigned for Republican presidential nominee Barry Goldwater in 1964. Hillary was initially inspired to work in public service after hearing a speech in Chicago by Martin Luther King Jr., and soon became a Democrat in 1968. During College, she was still active in politics and was elected senior class president before she graduated from Wellesley College in 1969. Now Clinton has decided again to run for president and has been dominating the democratic candidate polls since she announced her run for the president's office in early April. Hillary has always been one to stand up for women, children and the poor. Clinton fights for the underdogs and for the families that might not have big enough voice to make a change and she has carried these traits throughout her entire life. After falling short in her run for president in 2008, she has decided to run again, this time she is far ahead of all of her fellow democrats. Hillary has a law background and throughout her slew of offices has helped small business and rural areas across the United States, especially in New York. Clinton supports the LGBT community, race equality and the raising of middle class income. She has however recently dropped in popularity over her emails being stored on her personal server. Clinton claims to have handed over all relevant emails to the FBI and has even recently been making jokes about the situation stating that she loves Snapchat because those messages disappear all by themselves. Clinton has even been pushing for her 55 thousand pages of emails to be published to the public as soon as possible. This is not the only scandal she has been speculated to have been involved in. It has been noticed that when a donation is made to the Clinton foundation that the donator's weapon deals in most cases, increased. What is concerning is that a President that can be bought may not have the people's interest at mind. However, Hillary is extremely qualified: formally holding positions such as Senator of New York, First Lady of the United States, a practicing lawyer and law professor, activist and volunteer. She holds the knowledge and knows how to run things the way they should be. According to the masses, she has the personality and know-how to get things done and do them in the correct way. Clinton has overwhelming support by most democrats and most likely will be the democratic candidate to run for the presidency. "We must stop thinking of the individual and start thinking about what is best for society," Hillary Clinton said.

Bernie Sanders

After growing up in Brooklyn, New York Bernie Sanders got into politics and soon came into office. In 1981, he was elected as the mayor of Burlington. In his positions of mayor, Sanders helped build up Burlington it the exciting and appealing city it is today. He helped the city make major strides in affordable living, progressive taxation and a quantity of other areas of development. When Sanders joined congress he was still fighting for those same areas as well as working families, where he focused on the growing gap between the rich and everyone else. Unlike most candidates, Sanders is receiving his funding from numerous small businesses and individuals, so far he has done a good job with that. Raising money this way strongly limits any implied promises to those who have donated. Sanders stands out from most of the left because he is pro-Israel. Unlike other democrats with an all-or-nothing view on how to deal with Israel's many corrupt values, Bernie believes that he support Israel's right to exist while retaining the ability to criticize the Israeli government when it is wrong. This has been a strong issue with many Jewish-Americans, incentivising many to vote for republicans. Sanders has been labeled as a socialist but only because of one aspect – he embraces it in his condemnations of corporate greed – but this still does concern those who do not do their research or are of the older generation. Although morbid to think about this, but it is possible that Bernie Sanders being 73 years of age could die in office. If elected, the vice president he picks may be just as important as the elected president. Recently in the polls, Sanders has been gaining on Hillary Clinton as his popularity increases. His reputation has helped him well. What he says he will do tends to be what he does and this most likely will be true if he is elected, unlike many other runners whom have lied in the past merely to gain office. Another plus is that Sanders as views that can draw in potential voters on each side. He seems to hate gun control but at the same time he believes that businesses should not be getting higher tax breaks than people and that businesses should not be getting off scot free when they commit crimes. The U.S. is one of the only first-world nations not offering free college to its students and Sanders wishes to change this which could benefit those already in college and those soon to be. Overall it seems that Bernie Sanders has the younger generation's needs in mind on most of his issues and this appeals to newer voters. As Bernie's supporters would say, "Feel the Bern!"

Ben Carson

From rags to riches, Dr. Ben Carson is another potential candidate for the presidency. He grew up in Detroit with bad grades and a horrible temper, yet he still has become the successful person that we see today. Carson is a non-politician, never having been interested in politics game. He could have decided to retire and spend the rest of his life in luxury, but he believed that it would be irresponsible, considering all the good he could do. Carson shares views of many social conservatives by being opposed to abortion rights and same-sex marriage. He attributes these views to his personal faith as a practicing Christian. This can be concerning to many Americans, but especially to the LGBT community. Progress towards equality that has been made could possibly be hindered or lost entirely. Carson seems to allow his theological thoughts to affect what he opposes. It was said by a current president Barack Obama that gay rights are human rights. If he became President it could possibly lead to the decay of policies the LGBT has worked to make equal. Carson refuses to let the restraints holding other candidates back from affecting him, which is a valued trait among politicians. Carson tells it like it is. He is acquainted with the corporate world and hopefully this will allow him to avoid the lobbyists that are only interested in helping the organizations to which they are affiliated. His best aspect, however, is that he is new to political offices and will hopefully offer a fresh perspective on how present issues should be handled. He has always helped people throughout his lifetime, especially during his practice as a neurosurgeon, working on both adults and children. Carson is truly a great man and only has the interest of what he thinks is good for the people at heart, which should make him a great politician. Unlike others, it seems he will focus on helping instead of benefiting himself. That is the most we can ask from those with power and the greatest thing we as a voter can receive in turn. "I would prefer to just continue to speak about truth and to speak about what makes sense." Ben Carson said.