

ELECTION DAY

Mac students express views on Election of 2016 before, after Trump's surprising electoral win

Before The Election:

"My favored candidate is Donald Trump. I really think that this country needs a change, and I think that he thinks that he can make a difference. I also like the fact that he is unfiltered, and he is not so politically correct."

After The Election:

"I am happy with the results. I am a minority at McCallum because I support Donald Trump. Since I was surrounded by people who thought differently I felt smaller with my opinion, but I never had any doubt."

—A MCCALLUM JUNIOR
(name withheld upon request)

Before The Election:

"My preferred candidate is Gary Johnson. I don't think either the Democratic or Republican candidates are trustworthy. I think they both lie a lot."

After The Election:

"I feel like we need to stick together as a country in moving forward to be successful. I think the protests are kind of pointless and very hypocritical. Hillary supporters would ridicule Republicans if they protested."

—NOAH COOLEY (19)

Before The Election:

"This year's election is a lot more of a mess than last election because we knew Obama was going to do a good job, and this election we are trying to find a person to do the same good that he did."

After The Election:

"We should see how much of a disaster this will turn into. I feel like in the community I am with (the LGBT community), there will be a lot of fear, but there will also be a lot of determination to stand up and fight for what have been fighting for so we don't go back another 10 years."

—ALYKS WARING (18)

Before The Election:

"I support Donald Trump because I am a Republican and my first choice Ted Cruz got eliminated. I like how Donald Trump handles things."

After The Election:

"I feel like there is nothing we can do now because he won, so we will have to see what he does for the next four years. I think he is going to surprise everybody with the things he will do."

—ELIJAH GRIFFIN (19)

Before The Election:

"I am planning on voting for Hillary. I've pretty much been a sworn Democrat since I've had a sense of politics."

After The Election:

"I feel afraid. The things I thought I knew about my future have been taken. I don't know if I can get married, I don't know if I'll have any sort of job security because my boss will be able to fire me for no reason. I don't know if I can live safely in a lot of the parts of the country anymore and that's terrifying."

—OLIVER KUHN (17)

Before The Election:

"This election is the worst. If you don't vote for Hillary, you are voting for Trump because the third party won't win. The one thing that makes me nervous about Hillary is that she changed her views so quickly. I mean what if that happens during her presidency?"

After The Election:

"I am terrified after this election. I can't wait for all my rights to be slowly be taken away by Mike Pence. I can't wait to be harassed. I really think that this will have a major impact on this country."

—ELI STEPHENS (19)

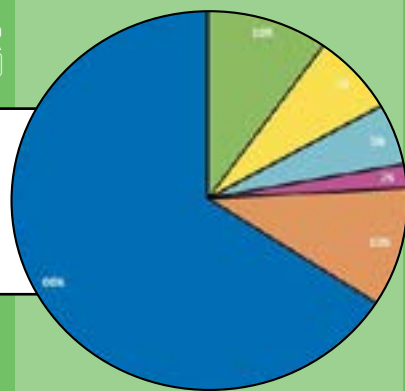
Before The Election:

"I support Hillary Clinton because she is the most qualified candidate, and the alternative is probably one of the worst presidential candidates we have ever had."

After The Election:

"The election, although shocking and horrifying, pays tribute to the Americans who have in fact been left behind: those living in the rust-belt left unemployed due to the decline of industry and manufacturing. In the next four years, Americans need to learn how to find common ground and come together as the nation, and only then can we progress as a country."

—EMMA BAUMGARDNER (18)



DEBATE NIGHT IN AMERICA

Students weigh in on second debate, held on Oct. 9 at Washington University in St. Louis

"It was the most unorganized thing I've ever seen. Trump wasn't making any sense, and the moderator wasn't doing his job."

TATYANA JAMMER, 17

"I think some good points were made, but they wasted a lot of time at times because they both got off track and it would fall apart sometimes."

SIGNI JOHNSON, 19

"I remember trying to do my homework and not being able to concentrate on anything else over the sound of Donald's voice because it was so abrasive."

CHARLIE HOLDEN, 18

"It was crazy; they are like celebrities now. It was weird when they came out and were just like talking about real issues and even issues that were not real."

SABRI AMRANI-KHALDI, 20

TAKING HER PATIENCE:

Senior Bella Cude brandishes a sign that criticizes President Trump's refusal to release his tax returns while expressing another protest message in the words written on her stomach. As many as 200 McCallum students walked out of school on Inauguration Day at the start of fourth period to join the thousands of protestors who assembled at Auditorium Shores. "It was really liberating and empowering to see everyone rally over one cause," Cude said. Photo by Grace Brady.



the year in REVIEW



Orlando Shooting

"When it came to the Orlando shooting, I feel like it was a huge blow to the LGBT American community. Now everyone has reason to feel less safe in their own home and that sucks because there are very few safe places for minorities in America. It destroyed the assurance of getting protection in their homes."

—MONICA HART (17)



Pokemon GO

"My little sister was really obsessed with Pokemon GO, and I also worked as a lifeguard where people would try and get free admission into the pool because they just wanted to get the Pokemon then leave. So it was kind of like this phenomenon."

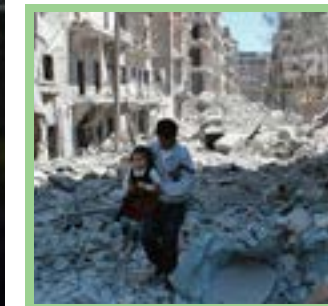
—HENNA MCRAE (19)



Celebrity Deaths

"The most impactful thing was all my childhood celebrities dying, like Carrie Fisher and David Bowie. All these people that you grew up with and felt like you knew are now dead. Who let George R.R. Martin write 2016?"

—ANDREA BARRERA CASTRO (18)



Aleppo

"I know that it's basically a war within its own country. I've seen so many videos of innocent children dying and even more horrible violence. I saw a video of two little boys losing their brother and I didn't realize it was that gruesome."

—NUBIA RIVAS (18)



Brexit

"When I first heard about it I was shocked because you don't really hear about this kind of thing happening in a First World country. I guess it was kind of a coincidence that this happened the year Donald Trump was elected. I understand they were under a lot of stress, but it's kind of childish that they just left instead of attempting to fix the issue."

—JUDAH CLARK (19)



The Bottle Flipping Challenge

"I think it was a really neat trend because you could play it anywhere, unlike games like soccer. Just throw a bottle in the air and mess with it until you can do it right. The hardest one was the Coke bottles that had like the three prongs on the bottom because there's not enough space to have it land easily."

—CHARLIE DOVER (19)