

# TWO SIDES TO EVERY STORY

Pros and cons of presidential candidates

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The end of Obama's term has brought a new wave of willing politicians to take the reins to become Commander in Chief of the Free World. The campaign war between the Democrats and Republicans has officially gone under way. Top of the polls depict Donald Trump, Hillary Clinton, Jeb Bush, and Bernie Sanders as the frontrunners to win the nomination for their respective parties. Here are some pros and cons for each potential candidate.

## HILLARY CLINTON

### PRO

Hillary Clinton is quick witted, and keeps her Republican counterparts on their toes. Such qualities are refreshing after Obama, and I welcome a Democratic that calls it as it is and quits trying to reason with unreasonable people. She is going to make a better use of her term(s), if elected, than what the nation has begun to expect. Furthermore, her experience dwarfs her competition's, as she was First Lady, senator and Secretary of State. Hillary is politically savvy and is an excellent mediator in a time when America is at risk, home and abroad.

### CON

First off, similar to Bush, we do not need another Clinton in office. Second, as a Clinton she has a long history of political scandal. Her credentials include being the First Lady, Secretary of State, and U.S. Senator. Of these, only one was an elected position. The majority of her political career has been riding the coattails of other politicians. If someone were to ask me one word best described Clinton, it would have to be "Liar." Which does not speak well of a future U.S. President.

## BERNIE SANDERS

### PRO

Much like Trump, Sanders is a straight shooter. He is genuine and says what's on his mind. Beyond that, he has energized and captured the attention of the younger Americans, who statistically are less likely to vote than the older demographics. Fighting for less corruption in Washington and appealing to a younger audience are just a few of his high selling points. Sanders is also raising his campaign money in the true fashion of accepting donations from regular Americans rather than rich entities shielded from the public's view.

### CON

Sanders is a self-proclaimed Socialist. He advocates 'Income Equality', which would take away an individual's will to make more for themselves and their families. It would lower productivity and cause increased dependence on government programs to provide for their needs. He also promotes 'Creating Decent Paying Jobs' and this plan is a repeat of Obama's stimulus of 2009 and would add \$1 trillion to our National Debt by paying for something we were told was covered. Why should voters believe he will have a better outcome than the Obama?

## JEB BUSH

### PRO

For starters, Jeb Bush is married to a Latina woman and speaks Spanish. Thus, his views on immigration are unique and rope in a lot of votes, despite the fact that Cruz and Rubio, two other candidates of Hispanic descent, are both running. Second, Bush has a healthy amount of capital and can easily pocket donors in a heartbeat. Lastly, it is said that Bush has Reagan's "sunny optimism" in the sense that he can be cheerful. Such a quality is prudent in a president when the job description includes keeping up the morale.

### CON

Bush's stance on immigration has changed over the years, so it's hard believing he will not change back once elected. The majority thinks that his new stance is just a way to get votes and not how he truly feels. He has also come under fire for his support of Common Core, a program that puts the government in charge of what teachers can and cannot teach. Finally, a family dynasty causes many to question if America should be ruled by a select few, like the monarchy of Europe that we declared our independence from.

## DONALD TRUMP

### PRO

Trump is not an average, ordinary politician. His lack of such a background allows Americans to be confident in the fact that what we see is what we get. So far, no one suspects an upcoming dirty secret or scandal to equate to Monica Lewinsky or Watergate. As a result, Trump comes off as a relatable candidate and his polls perfectly display as such. Plus, his business background makes him a successful international negotiator and allows him to have a wealth of information about our nation's economy.

### CON

Trump may be a successful business man, but that is all he is. The only reason that he is in the lead, is because he is a celebrity. Trump speaks bluntly and has a connection with the common voter by stating the obvious. His filter-less style can energize the popular vote, but when it comes to diplomacy this trait may insult other world leaders. Without a public record to compare his successes, it makes it difficult to see how he would be able to follow through with his promises on change.

# LESSONS WITH LESLIE, LOVE

Advice to popular questions

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Every now and then we all hit a rough patch in the road, and there's nothing wrong with seeking advice. That's why we're here! Two different people with two different perspectives, giving advice on the same questions. Sometimes different perspectives can help shed new light on problems you are facing. Let's see how this goes....

**1.) I am a sophomore that's new to Whitehouse, and I'm bad at being social and stuff. How can I branch out without being too crazy?**

**Jack:** You can branch out by just simply being a part of different organizations that the school offers. Also, you can attend events the school sponsored activities, such as sports, dances, and other functions the school has throughout the year. You are bound to meet new people by joining clubs that interest you, as well as attending school events.

**Leslie:** Start by hanging out with people you would not normally hang out with. Go sit with someone new at lunch or join the UIL team. If academics are not your strong suit, then join one of the many clubs at WHS! This will not only expand your friend group but also help to get you more involved with the school!

**2.) I have no idea what I want to do after graduation....It is my senior year. I have no clue where I want to go and I don't know what I want to major in.... Should I be worried?**

**Jack:** TJC all the way TJC! TJC! TJC! There's nothing wrong with going to a junior college, especially TJC. While all those other students are going to live on their own for the first time, you'll still be at home living debt-free with your loving parents who are allowing you to live with them a few extra years. While you're an Apache you can contemplate on your next move.

**Leslie:** Get your basics out of the way while you decide that you want to do with the rest your life. You will probably change your mind on what you want to do a couple times, and that is okay! You need to be happy with what you are going to be doing for the rest of your life.

**3.)None of my friends are in any of my classes, I'm super shy and can not seem to break out of my shell! What do I do?**

**Jack:** Most people have the same problem at school, there's always that one class that you know absolutely no one in. Your personality may be more of a silent type and talking frequently is not your thing, which is a good thing, sometimes loud people are annoying. Just be friendly to other students in your class and make conversation. Do not go out of your way to break out of your shell because that may not be your personality and you should always be yourself in these situations.

**Leslie:** I had this same problem a few years ago, I was (and still am) the quiet kid that sat in the corner and said nothing the whole class period. Do not do what I did! I completely regret not being myself, and not breaking out of my shell in all those classes. I would have has a much better time in my classes if I would have been myself! It is hard to break out of that shell that we build up, but once you do, you will have a better high school experience. Try being yourself and I am sure that you will make friends fast!

