

The Charger asked two OHS students their thoughts on Trump's presidency and his future policies. Here are their responses:



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The day after the presidential election, “my people” were struck with shock; yet, major Democratic Party leaders, including Obama, spoke out and wished nothing but a successful career for President-elect Donald Trump. While in disarray, I was willing to give Trump a chance, telling myself, “He has not done anything yet.” Now that we have seen a sneak peek of what is to come, I could not be more worried for the state of our nation.

One major point of concern is Trump's cabinet position choices. His appointments for these positions seem to be lacking actual experience in their designated fields. For instance, Donald Trump has nominated Betsy DeVos to be the Secretary of Education; however, she does not have an education degree. In regards to the Environmental Protection Agency, an area of particular concern given the concern of the changing climate in today's world, Trump has appointed Myron Ebell, who claims that climate change does not exist. This, as well as Trump calling climate change a hoax by the Chinese, would potentially lead to the destruction of the Paris agreement, which is crucial to the global environment.

The most potentially destructive factor of the upcoming presidency is the president-elect's lack of moral compass, which could be damaging to a constitutionally ruled nation. Trump's neglect to observe the constitution and basic human rights leads many Americans to feel excluded. For instance, his immigration policy would force millions of people out of the U.S., regardless of the condition of their home country. These policies illuminate his character, but his speech is destructive as well. The president has a responsibility to be someone children should emulate; this president-elect is a poor example for others to follow, using stereotypes and degradation, harming individuals. He once accused a person of being an unqualified judge by saying, “He's a Mexican. We're building a wall between here and Mexico. The answer is he is giving us very unfair rulings.” This kind of blatant racism is extremely divisive and makes Americans feel unwelcome in their own home, a nation he will now lead.

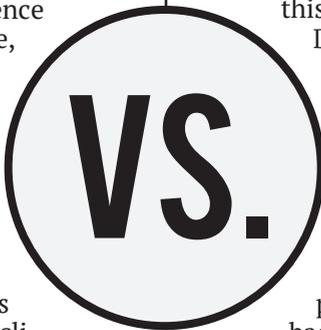
If this nation is truly the land of the free and home of the brave, then I am extremely worried about its future. I worry about those who feel abandoned by their nation. I worry about those abroad who will make assumptions about our nation based on the media. I worry about those eight year olds who will have a KKK-endorsed president for the first time. I know his supporters are excited about a chance to “drain the swamp,” but is it worth it to let an incompetent, unconstitutional potential autocrat lead our great nation?

The past eight years, our nation has endured failed thinking from a president who promised hope, change, and progress to America. Upon reflection, it is quite evident that most “progress” made in our president's last two terms has been negative. Answers from the Obama administration for issues including race relations, medical care, and foreign policy have utterly failed the citizens of this country. The president's shortcomings have led to heightened levels of divisiveness in recent years.

Millions of Americans yearned for real change this past election, which led to the rise of Donald Trump. Trump is by no means the perfect candidate, and one would be hard pressed to find somebody that believes the opposite. His mouth got him in trouble multiple times throughout the election, and he had to defend himself on numerous occasions. Many opponents of the president-elect falsely claim he intends to enact discriminatory policies. However, there is no evidence to back that claim up. Furthermore, there is hard evidence supporting the opposite. On the last night of the Republican National Convention Trump stated, “As president, I will do everything in my power to protect LGBTQ citizens from the violence and oppression of a hateful foreign ideology.”

There is abounding criticism for the prospect of a Trump leadership, but I believe it is going to be positive for the country. What makes Trump unique in this era is his unwavering opinion that America should come first in global affairs. Throughout the past eight years, a globalist, economic attitude has harmed the working class and caused America's once-great foreign policy to diminish. Under a Trump administration, this will not be a problem.

Trade deals that cause jobs to leave the country will not be approved, and we will not backchannel billions to despicable regimes such as Iran. Domestically, Trump promises to lower taxes across the board. Small business growth will surge, and the average American will retain more of what they earn. Combine this with Trump's promise to repeal Obamacare, which has been horrific for millions of Americans, and it is clear that he will reverse the downward direction of our nation. Harmful economic regulations will be stripped and abandoned. The DOW finishing at a record high 11 times since Nov. 8 is evidence that Trump's actions will be tremendous for the economy. The president-elect also promises stricter immigration laws, which will statistically protect American lives. Trump's approach to both domestic and foreign issues, and specifically his stances on immigration, Obamacare, trade, and both the domestic and world economy will truly MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!



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