

## My reaction to the new President is...

### Junior Makayla Mathewes

"Because he was a big businessman, I feel like large companies might improve... I could see that working out the best. If I had to give him another thing, maybe because he's such a loud person, things that require a lot of motivation he might get done... [One of my concerns is] definitely foreign relations. I feel like he's not going to cooperate with other cultures as much as American culture... The kind of vibe he puts out [is another concern]. People our age are already really supportive or in denial of Trump, either they love him or hate him."

### Sophomore Nick Denning

"The [amount of] immigrants coming in and out [will decline]. The economy [will] progressively get better... [I'm concerned

### Senior Tamara Alquza

"I feel like he just kind of says what's on his mind, which is what everybody's thinking. He has the guts to say things that other people wouldn't."

# The good, the bad, and the presidential

With the election of Donald Trump as its 45th president, America faces a new era of leadership. After a contentious election, emotions vary. Here is what Wando has to say about the next four years.

## 57.3%

Percent of eligible voters in South Carolina who voted

## 59.2%

Percent of eligible voters in the U.S. who voted

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## Trump promising for some

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For some, the choice was clear.

Enter President-elect Donald J. Trump. His background as a business tycoon and anti-establishment persona was able to win the votes of millions, and to these same people, the next four years are looking up, and for a variety of reasons.

Senior Ethan Jackson was originally a Ben Carson supporter, but switched his support to Trump after Carson dropped out of the primaries.

"The reason I switched my support to Trump was what I believe this country needs right now is jobs," Jackson said. "There are so many people who are dependent on government aid. The government doesn't actually give them jobs, it just helps them get food and clothes and what-not, which isn't bad, but [people] need to get on their feet and build their own life. And I feel that with Trump being a successful businessman, he can help bring jobs back for those people."

In addition to the actual amount of jobs Jackson believes Trump is capable of bringing into the U.S. economy, he also believes Trump's history in business will inspire a new sense of entrepreneurship and pure drive in communities that have fallen to poverty and less fortunate circumstances.

"I think that people don't have to 'stay poor,' necessarily, but they themselves are having a hard time figuring out how to get out, or they don't have the resources to do so," Jackson said. "And that's one thing I hope Donald Trump will bring."

Jackson volunteers frequently at Tri-County Ministries, and he said he has seen this cycle of poverty first hand.

"We help people, like single parent families, people who don't have jobs, homeless people, people with major disabilities, and give them clothes, food, medicine, counseling, but none of that really teaches them how to get back on their feet," Jackson said. "They don't have the resources to get themselves back on their feet,

and I think Trump will make that happen."

Another issue that is very personal to Jackson is small business growth.

"I'm a photographer and I have my own small company and website," said Jackson, who owns and operates Carlisle Creative Design and has photographed a variety of events and subjects from senior portraits to nature photography.

"It's been hard trying to make that business into what I'm envisioning with all of the rules and regulations I'm not able to get through because I can't afford permits to charge someone for my pictures," Jackson said. "It's not something that is feasible for myself trying to run a small business."

For some, support for Trump runs even deeper.

"I'm a military brat and I come from a military family, and I feel like Donald Trump was the candidate that would protect our military and our country the most," Guidance receptionist Danielle Haberman said. Haberman's own father used to work at the Pentagon, specializing in defense intelligence. "He'll increase funding for the military, which is absolutely necessary when it comes to fighting our enemies like ISIS."

Haberman also threw her support behind Trump because of his identity as the "anti-establishment" candidate.

"He's not beholden to any political activist group, accountable to any lobbyist, and he's self funded," she said. "It's important that he's the type of person who's not swayed by personal or private activist groups so that he can stand up to members of Congress and other leaders of the world."

Economically, Haberman also respects his dedication to bringing industry back to America.

"If you are an American industry and the majority of your employees are not American, you shouldn't be receiving tax breaks for leaving our country and taking business somewhere else," she said. "So that was huge."

## Lack of experience worries some as new administration nears

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While millions of Americans cheered as the final results were announced, others are anxious about what the future will bring under a novice president.

AP Psychology teacher Caroline Taylor said she is concerned his credentials don't make him prepared for such a high-ranking political office.

"I'm afraid that he's in over his head," Taylor said. "I don't think he realized what a huge undertaking he was taking on, and I think that he's going to be surprised to find out that when you're the President of the United States, everything you say is being watched and monitored, and that it can affect both foreign policy and

economic policy."

Foreign policy is one of the things that senior Lia Hsu-Rodriguez is the most concerned about.

"I'm scared of what Trump's policies are going to mean for undocumented immigrants and refugees," she said. "Trump has made a lot of bold promises and a lot of wide statements as to what his plans are for his presidency, and what terrifies me the most is the thought of him succeeding."

English teacher Nikel Bussolati is very concerned about what choices will be made as well.

"I'm worried about what he's going to do with the DREAM act [creates a path to legal immigration status for children born outside of

the United States that have attended our schools and have been brought up in our community] to people who have already sought naturalization papers and already gone through that process," Bussolati said. "His proposal right now undoes that, but it doesn't say whether or not the people who already have their documentation will be grandfathered in, it doesn't say how long they will be able to keep it."

Bussolati is also worried about what will happen next with the Supreme Court.

"We've got one vacancy already," she said. "I think that the balance of the court is going to shift, and that could do irreparable damage not just for the next four years but for lifetimes."

Senior Samantha Montemagno shares these concerns.

"As a woman, I'm also most scared of him overturning Roe v. Wade," Monte said. "I'm scared that he'll make good on his promise to appoint a conservative justice to the Supreme Court and that they'll vote to overturn it."

The experience and credentials of the people that are being appointed to cabinet positions Bussolati also finds concerning.

"I'm concerned about the conflicts of interest involving a lot of his cabinet members, and how there are a lot of people are being appointed to positions where their current jobs or their current financial holdings are in conflict with what they should be regulating," she said. "Like, the person he appointed to be the administrator of small business is a former CEO of the WWE [World Wrestling Entertainment]."