

## A Nation of Discrimination

*Rape that is occurring in politics*

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A series of men that have helped shape America have recently been accused of sexual assault on one or many accounts, but accusations are easily ignored with distractions to the general public.

After several devastating years, women have come forward to accuse figures like politician Jeff Hoover of sexual assault; his staff worker was coerced by Hoover into sending him photos of herself in a g-string, and instead of denying these allegations,

Hoover suddenly resigned confirming that the anonymous woman is a victim of sexual assault.

“These allegations are specific. These allegations are reprehensible. These allegations have not been denied by anyone,” Kentucky governor Matt Bevin argued indignantly.

Understandably, men like Bevin complain about Hoover resigning from his position, but people in power should have made it their will to fire him. By allowing Hoover to resign, they are promoting the idea that in America, it is easy to get away with a crime so gruesome if you hold a high social status.

The media also tried to stray watchers away from the accusations by announcing that shortly after Hoover resigned, he was hospitalized. When House Speaker Pro Tempore David Osborne told reporters that Hoover had been hospitalized; he failed to mention the severity of his condition, making it easy to believe that Hoover’s motive for

the hospital visit was not because he was ill but to forget the relationship with young girls aged from 16 to 18 while he was of



Rolando Rodas’s political cartoon demonstrating assault from U.S. leaders age that was done to his victims. Osborne is just as little of a man as Hoover is by sympathizing for a potential rapist. American politician and former Alabama state judge Roy Moore too has been accused of sexual allegations as he pushed for a re-

and after winning the presidency. He joked about grabbing women “by the pussy,” which angered righteous women in America, but he still gained the position as 45th president of America by bad mouthing Hillary Clinton with questionable truth. American voters and congress allowed Trump to lead our country, creating a dangerous environment for women.

“As I fill out my college applications I hesitate on whether I should actually use my political science major to become a woman in congress since I know that I will have less value than men that hold the same position as me,” stated an anonymous senior.

With the consistent accusations being brought up front, the demographics of women political positions will decrease as women already serve as low as 19.4% according to C.A.W.P.

Women should not be discouraged by these sort of things but instead unite and get justice for our sisters since we’re all on one accord. Men like Hoover, Trump, and other figures should be indicted to promote safety for not just women in politics, but all women.

## Not So Artificial Intelligence

*Should we be pursuing artificial intelligence or not?*

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As technology advances, the well-known, cinema-inspired fear of robots or tech that can think for itself and create chaos, also known as artificial intelligence, becomes more of a possibility. Artificial intelligence (AI for short) is defined as, “The theory and development of computer systems able to perform tasks that normally require human intelligence, such as visual perception, speech recognition, decision-making, and translation between languages.” AI is no

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longer considered a theory thanks to tech giants such as IBM.

Some fear that pursuing the path of artificial intelligence will take over jobs, as well as potentially harm people if machines turn on their creators/users. So should we be pursuing artificial intelligence?

Yes, billionaire Mark Cuban stated, “I am telling you, the world’s first trillionaires are going to come from somebody who masters AI and all its derivatives and applies it in ways we never thought of.”

Cuban used to be skeptical of the possibilities of AI but has had a change of heart after much reading how AI can benefit the environment and humans.

While the potential for negative outcomes certainly do exist, there is a bigger margin for

success than failure due to the level of advanced technology available today. Businesses and citizens could benefit greatly from AI due to the fact that it almost entirely erases the potential for mistakes that almost every human makes, such as miscounting your change, overcharging you, and giving you false information.

So while we should be pursuing artificial intelligence, we must be careful on how it is programmed and used. In August of 2017, the head of Tesla Motors, Elon Musk, participated in an interview with CNBC. Also involved in the interview was a robot by the name of Sophia. Sophia was responding to Musk’s comments on why we should not pursue AI as military weapons because of the amount of danger and destruction they possess. Sophia told Musk, “You’ve been reading too much Elon Musk, and watching too many Hollywood movies. Don’t worry. If you’re nice to me, I’ll be nice to you. Treat me as a smart input-output system.”

Musk responded with, “Just feed it The Godfather movies as input. What’s the worst that could happen?”

Musk’s response does make sense, showing that if programmed the wrong way, AI most certainly can be deadly, but if programmed the correct way, artificial intelligence can be very useful and beneficial to the human race.

There is always risk for disaster with anything new to the technology world, but the pros outweigh the cons in this debate of futuristic, self-thinking tech.

## Effects of Trump’s Impeachment

*Donald Trump vs Mike Pence: Pick Your Poison*

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There has been talk about attempts to impeach Donald Trump for the actions he has taken since the start of his presidency. Since the November 2016 election, there have been plans and theories about getting him out of office.

What many don’t understand is that even with getting Trump impeached, that doesn’t mean that he will be kicked out or have to resign from office. That will only happen if he is found guilty of anything once going on trial.

The impeachment of Trump is frequently mentioned by news outlets. Tom Steyer, an American environmentalist, came out with public service announcements about it and started a petition to urge Congress to pass a resolution calling for the House Judiciary Committee to investigate whether sufficient grounds exist to impeach him. The numbers on this peti-

tion have increased by the day, they’ve risen and currently stand at 1,270,697 and counting.

It has been shown through Donald Trump’s actions that from the moment he took office, his refusal to divest from his business interests has placed him in direct violation of the US Constitution’s Foreign Emoluments Clause and Domestic Emoluments Clause. Since then, his corruption and abuse of power has only increased.

If President Trump were to get impeached, Vice President Mike Pence would step into power which could be both beneficial and detrimental to America since he has a very strong political background but is a radical thinker.

“I genuinely fear Pence more than I do Trump; I feel as if since he has more of a political background he’ll be able to get things done quicker. If he wants to try and get rid of gay people, he will do it. He will do whatever he wants and that is what truly terrifies me,” spoke Chatsworth High School junior Genesis Alvarez.

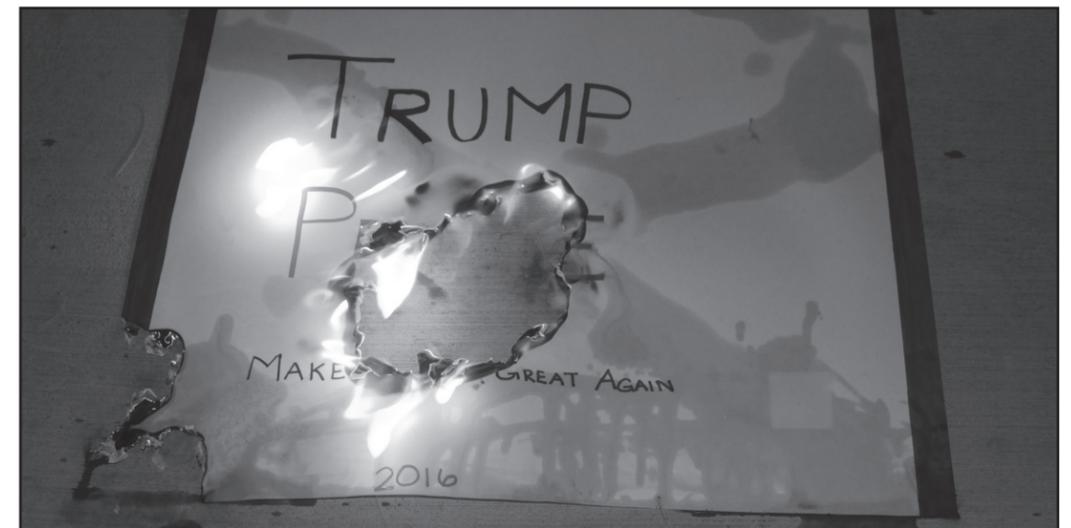
Pence has views that most see as both cruel and chilling.

He doesn’t see the reason to try and stop hate crimes. As a matter of fact, he voted no on enforcing anti-gay hate crimes. He has even been known to agree with gay conversion/shock therapy. He has the same desire as Trump to build a wall along the Southern Border.

There is no way to keep people with views like Trump

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and Pence from running the country. The impeachment of Trump might be in the works, and it might be working very slowly, but who really knows how it’ll go until it happens. With all the stuff going on in today’s world, who would be better to run the country? Most would say Pence, but it should be Trump. Although he is an arrogant, hot-headed person, he is the lesser of two evils.



A visual representation of the sentiments from the people in the United States towards Trump and Pence