

Alternatives

Donald Trump, Third Party candidates offer different options other than Hillary Clinton to voters this election



Donald Trump
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The majority of people think of Donald Trump as insensitive, inappropriate, and rude. They are not wrong, but when voting for a president, I believe that instead of voting for what sounds "politically correct," we should be voting for what is best for the American people, which is not Hillary Clinton.

Clinton is going to repeat and extend the policies of President Barack Obama, which have sold out American businesses and jobs, doubled our national debt, enfeebled our borders, and weakened our military. Clinton

is probably the most corrupt, dishonest person to run for president, and is just a puppet of her big donors and special interests. If Trump is elected, we will finally have government that listens to the people and puts their interests first.

Clinton is not only pro-choice, but a fanatical supporter of Planned Parenthood and partial-birth abortion. She does not support restrictions on abortion in the very end of the third trimester, which is known to most parents and OB-GYN's as birth.

If you

destroy evidence pertaining to a criminal case after receiving a subpoena from the government, then you will face time in prison. Unless your name is Hillary Clinton. But I will not preach to you on how corrupt she is, and instead you can see it for yourself by visiting www.wikileaks.org.

Trump vows to create a hiring freeze on all government workers except law enforcement, public safety, and public health. Government has become too large and needs to be decreased by attrition. We the people do not belong to the government, it belongs to us. We are citizens, not subjects.

According to the Department of Homeland Security fiscal 2013 report, our current immigration policy costs taxpayers \$300 billion dollars a year. We currently have almost 11 million illegal

immigrants in the U.S., and two million of them are convicted criminals. The Center for Immigration Studies found that 62 percent of households headed by illegal immigrants use some form of welfare programs such as food stamps and housing assistance. Trump would close our borders and deport illegal immigrants, therefore, ensuring that it becomes easier and more efficient to legally come in the U.S. Meanwhile, Clinton plans on providing ObamaCare, Social Security, and Medicare for illegal immigrants, which breaks the federal budget. Though Trump does not make it sound pretty, the American people need to think about the policy and not the image.



Third Party
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Anyone who has watched any coverage of the election knows that the options are not stellar for the American people. From Donald Trump's statements about women to Hillary Clinton's deleted confidential emails, an option that Americans might want to look at is third party voting.

Freepress.org defines voting as the chance to tell your country your vision of what you think of your government and society, which proves a point that a third party vote is not a wasted vote. The only way to waste a vote is to not vote at all. Third parties

have different views on important issues that other candidates might not agree with.

According to *The Hill*, the Libertarian Party stand for individual freedom. This means that every American makes their own choices based on their own values and beliefs, whereas Democrats and Republicans are arguing on social and human beliefs that they should not be regulating in the first place. The Libertarian Party presidential candidate is Gary Johnson. Johnson

served as both a businessman and governor of New Mexico. As governor, he balanced the budget of New Mexico, leaving them with a one million dollar surplus.

According to the official Green Party website, their principles stem from their four pillars, which are peace, ecology,

social justice, and democracy. I have rarely heard a Democrat or Republican talk about ecology, but climate change and finding new resources are serious issues facing the people of the world.

Jill Stein is the Green Party presidential candidate this year. According to Jill 2016, she is a practicing physician and in the 1990s, she found a connection between toxic exposure and emerging illnesses. This spurred her fight for a healthy environment and leading to her winning several awards

for health and environmental protection.

Third party candidates are gaining support in the polls. According to the *New York Post*, Johnson is gaining more support from the Democrats than Republican Donald Trump in some states. Johnson and Stein can make an impact this year in the election.

One of the biggest weaknesses that a citizen can do as a voter is not research. Make sure you go in with a good idea of what each candidate supports and how he or she is more fit to be president than any other candidate. Do not forget about your third party candidates when you are doing your research.



To vote for who you think should be the next president, go to fchsbagpiper.wordpress.com and participate in the poll.