

Nightmare on Columbus Street

On November 7, 2016, *The New York Times* stated that Hillary Clinton had a 85% chance of winning the Presidential election. *Fivethirtyeight* stated 71%, *Huffington Post* stated 98%, *Predict Wise* stated 89%, *Daily Kos* stated 92%, and *Princeton Election Consortium* stated a >99% chance. Everyone in America was bracing for another Clinton presidency. By midnight on November 8, *Fivethirtyeight* stated that Donald Trump had an 84% chance of winning. On the 9th, Hate Crimes and protests started across America. In a Minnesota High School, racial slurs like, "go back to Africa" and "whites only" were written in the bathroom. In NYC, a Muslim woman wearing a scarf (not even a hijab) was passed on a subway platform and told, "Your times up, girlie." A "Make American White Again" sign with a swastika was graffitied in Wellsville, New York. The name "Trump" was written in a Muslim prayer room at New York University. "Fuck your safe space" and "Build the wall" was written on the sidewalk at the University of Louisiana. "Black lives don't matter and neither do your votes" was painted on a wall in Durham, North Carolina. In Cambridge, a postal worker yelled at a hispanic resident, "Go back to your country, this is Trump land now." At the University of Pennsylvania, all African-American freshman were added to a GroupMe labeled "Ni**er Lynching". All of these atrocities have been contrasted with promises to stay optimistic and hopeful. There have been Anti-Trump rallies in Chicago, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Washington DC, Dayton, Cincinnati, Oklahoma City, Salt Lake City, Providence, Albany, Portland, Las Vegas, New Haven, Burlington, and many college campuses. There have been chants of "Not my President!" and "My body, my right!" Many women across America were sharing the quote, "Cry, grieve, do what you need to do, but then put your pantsuit on and show them what you're made of." Liberals are showing what they feel, fighting for the issues and ideals they stand for. Looking at the pictures taken at the Young Democrats of Massachusetts election watch party, it is evident that the next 4 years are going to be a fight for liberal causes across America. As Hillary Clinton stated in her concession speech, "Please never stop believing that fighting for what's right is worth it. It's always worth it. And we need you keep up these fights now and for the rest of your lives."



9:01 PM Trump wins Texas and Arkansas. Clinton wins Vermont, New York, Massachusetts, and Indiana.



Samuel Gebru. Ethiopian, naturalized in 2001. “ Admittedly, I was a Bernie supporter in the primary, but I came along to Hillary, I was always team Obama as well. I think the platform the party performed this July at the DNC is something I completely agree with. I understand that politics for a lot of people is about perception, but for me, it’s about policies, it’s about issues, and Hillary’s policies over the next four years speak to me.”



10:00 PM. Trump wins Montana.



Santiago Narño, College Democrats of Massachusetts President. “Clinton is the only respectable option. Jill Stein and Johnson don’t have the proper infrastructure to actually go into congress and make laws, and especially state legislatures. So Clinton is the only viable option we have to continue for any sort of progress. Understanding Clinton is not perfect, but Trump would set us back 50 years in American history.”



11:00 PM. California polls close and go to Clinton, along with Hawaii.



Matthew Murray, Young Democrats of Massachusetts Chairman. “Hillary Clinton is simply the most qualified person ever to run for high office. She’s shown time and again in a 45 year public life that she cares deeply for the needs of Americans, especially those of us who are less fortunate. There’s definitely some excitement behind Donald Trump. Unfortunately, it’s not very, shall we say, well-informed, as he’s had no consistent policy points whatsoever. Except for the wall and racism. Oh, and misogyny, and he was missing homophobia, but then he hired Mike Pence to cover that base.”



11:16 PM. Trump wins Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming, North and South Dakota



Theresa Morin, College Democrats of Massachusetts Elections Director: "I'm voting for Hillary Clinton because she is the most qualified candidate to ever run for president of the United States, and on the opposite side, we see a man that is a racist, a xenophobe, a bigot, a misogynist, and [Hillary] has the most amazing policy proposals in the United States. She's qualified, she's ready to work for women, for families, for children. There's no question in this election, there is a right and there is a wrong, and Hillary Clinton is the right. And I chose to be on the right side of history."



12:03 AM. Trump wins Florida.



Josh (left with the sunglasses): "I didn't want to get put in a camp. No. I don't know. I do know. All the right reasons, none of the wrong reasons. It wasn't a choice. It was vote or die, this is the first election I've ever been in. I was morally compelled to vote for Hillary."

It was a pro-life, pro-America, pro-freedom vote. This is so much bigger than Hillary. So much bigger than all of us.”



12:45 AM Trump wins Pennsylvania, solidifying his presidency.