

## Unity and Diversity

### Student panel: **On the Elections**

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During the recent presidential election I was again surprised at the *ad hominem* attacks on all of the candidates in contention. It seems that America has begun to talk less about the issues affecting the population and more about the color of the candidate's tie or the height of his hair. Moreover, I was taken aback by the attention given to the women married to presidential candidates. I am sure it is the case that this focus on the femininity and supportiveness of the females involved has been long standing, but I am new to this voting game and thought we had moved beyond the unrealistic, patriarchal expectations of the First Lady. If we are electing a president from a list of white males, why do we expect their wives to be servants of the state?