Election outcome difficile for many

This race for the presidency was an interesting one to say the least. As the weeks wound down to the vote day, candidates Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump continued fighting for the White House. Whether you consider yourself a Democrat or a Republican, it still seemed hard to pick a side when both the candidates have so many downsfalls. Both Trump and Clinton have made some misleading claims that may have made you question whether or not you want to even vote at all. No one ever knows how presidential elections will turn out until they are over and this election kept all of America on our toes for a very long time.

Now that this nail-biting election is over, Trump supporters are rejoicing in his victory, a victory so under predicted that it was clear to see his own campaigned were a bit shell-shocked. Clinton supporters on the other hand have taken to the streets in protests targeting Trump buildings across the United States. Now being a person that is not extremely involved in politics, nor holding my own standpoint in this particular presidential election or even being old enough to vote at all, I can only say that I am only 17, it is still my belief that no matter what the outcome is, it is our duty as American citizens to respect the Commander-in-Chief whether we share his beliefs or not. However, I can also understand the utter disappointment that many Americans share after hearing the outcome. Clinton put so much of her energy into this race that even a Trump supporter, no matter how much discrepancy there and Clinton's viewpoints share, can see.

Clinton's loss is devastating to the millions of Americans who put their passion into her “bridge the divide” and change our country for better, but who says she can't still do this? Who says that she can't join forces with President-elect Trump and accomplish her goal after all, even though it might not be as president herself? So, I believe that instead of protesting, or mourning their devastating loss, supporters of Clinton should be getting out and spreading their word in a new way instead of wasting their energy trying to change something that is unchangeable. I do realize that this is easier said than done and, again being someone who is not very politically involved, I might not understand exactly what Clinton's support base is going through but I can't help but wonder what might happen if both sides joined together. I think that if we as a united nation can do this that would in fact make America great once and for all.

Opinion

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