

The "Right" side of the story: Counter argument to "Democrat's ponderings"

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It is very hard to argue against ignorance, but I'll try my best. In the Line O' Type's previous issue, there was an editorial regarding the fundamental differences between Republicans and Democrats. Although the intentions were good, no points were backed up factually. In fact, many platforms and views shared by the political parties were actually reversed. Point by point, here are the real facts of the matter.

It was stated that "Republicans believe we should have a large, powerful, intimidating army so our enemies will be afraid to attack us." What is wrong with this? The main role of the government is to protect me and my freedoms as well as my fellow citizens. The main role is not for the government to plan my finances, retirement, or provide me with healthcare. The government is not even responsible for finding me a job. These tasks are ones that I can handle on my own. As long as I am protected, the government is doing its job.

The second point made in the article was that the Democrats want to help the "helpless and the average joes" while the "Republicans want to help out the rich by giving tax cuts to the wealthy and tax breaks to large businesses." In reality, the reasoning behind these tax cuts and breaks is to help out these same average joes. By offering tax breaks to the wealthy, more money is put back into the economy, creating more jobs as a byproduct. Thanks in large part to the Republican initiated tax breaks, unemployment is at an all time low. That's right! Sitting at 4.7%, unemployment numbers have never been better. Another reason for this booming job market is the tax breaks for large businesses. When businesses are making profits, they produce more goods and



services and jobs are created. By cutting taxes, the economy is growing and helping out all of society, not crushing those in poverty.

The article also stated that the "last major difference between Republicans and Democrats is how to handle American's personal lives. Republicans tend to attempt to impose their own personal religious understandings on everyone. They want the government to control the personal lives of Americans." This is utterly ridiculous. It is so twisted that it is laughable. The entire Republican platform is *smaller* government and *less* regulation. The Democrats on the other hand are for a large centralized government. This is not a point to be disputed. It is well known that Democrats want a larger government than do the Republicans. Check out the campaign platforms and this will be prominent. The Democrats are the ones invading personal lives by overtaxing those who work hard for

their money, forcing national healthcare on those who don't want it, and compromising the well being of its own citizens for programs such as welfare which reduce incentives to work. Take a close look at the issues at hand and it can be seen who wants to influence daily life of Americans. It is not the Republicans.

With that said, the 2008 election is fast approaching and many of us will be voting for the first time. It is important for us all to look at the true facts behind the issues at hand. All of these issues along with others will be affecting our lives sooner than we think. Instead of voting blindly without knowledge or voting for a candidate just because your parents are, take a look at what the candidates have to offer. Make your own choice and realize what effect these issues have on your own life. Decide what you want and do your part to make a change.

LOT Thoughts

One day of Share Joys next year?

Okay, underclassmen, don't freak out! This is just a rumor, but some people have heard that next year there is a possibility that Share Joys will only be one day long!

This year Moline High School's glorious fundraiser made over forty-four thousand dollars for local needy kids. Share Joys is one thing that most students can't wait for each year.

Cutting Share Joys to one day would not only be a bad idea, it would greatly decrease the money that students raise.

Unfortunately, a lot of kids wouldn't participate in the fundraiser if they didn't get out of class or got to eat massive amounts of puppy chow. Things such as the karaoke room, the doughnut eating contest, the elves, and the variety show are things students enjoy, but sometimes kids forget the real reason why they are having so much fun.

Sure, the logistics are a nightmare, tons of class time is lost, deans have to deal with problem students wreaking havoc, and it's an unbelievable amount of work for everyone. But where else do high school students come together to raise tens of thousands of dollars to help take care of their own?

Roses

SNOW DAY!
168 days until Graduation
Sledding
Christmas cookies
Sleeping by the fire
Snowstar
Winter break
College kids writing newspaper articles
Cute scarves
Lucky Charms
Pie
College acceptance letters
Fantasy football
NHS variety show
Hawai'i
The Dolphins first win
Senior pictures
Target moccasins
Weekends
Buddy the Elf
Snow football
Techno

THORNS

Share Joys being over
168 days until Graduation
Gross parking lot slush
Crank dat Soulja Boy way overplayed
Last minute shopping
Melting snow
Early-morning sports departures
Power outages
Campaign commercials
Brett Favre
Mean people
Multiple tests before break
Bad defroster
Puppy chow overload-
Scholarship applications
Shopping mall crowds
Burnt popcorn
Icy windshields
Ugly Christmas sweaters
Lost hats and gloves
No windshield wiper juice

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