

Lifetime Democrat dwells on upcoming political ponderings

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In recent history, one thing has separated Americans from each other more than any other group loyalty. That is people's political affiliation. In this country, there are two main political affiliations: the Democratic Party and the Republican Party.

Around each election season, a number of issues come up and are debated amongst the candidates. In the most recent elections, nothing has been debated as much as the role of the United States military in the world, particularly in the Middle East. On one hand, Republicans believe we should have a large, powerful, intimidating army. That way, they believe, other countries will be too scared to attack us.

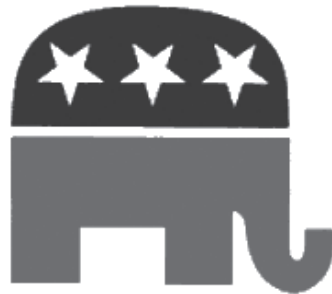
On the other hand, Democrats like to keep a steady military defense system and a quickly deployable task force for emergency situations. Since Democrats only go to war when it is absolutely necessary and no other options remain, this strategy works and saves money. With the money the Democrats save from decreased military spending, they protect society through the regulation of the economy, the regulation of safety issues, and the protection of the environment.

Democrats spend much of their time helping the helpless and the average Joes. They assist the weak to live lives through Security Medicare. help keep on the job and employers comfortable Social benefits and Also, they workers safe make sure practice proper employing techniques.

While Democrats are helping the poor, Republicans are rewarding their campaign contributors. More so, Republicans help out the rich by giving tax cuts to the wealthy and tax breaks to large businesses. To mention, they are also infamous for ending the regulation for

protection of the environment so that corporations that contribute to their campaigns can pollute the air and not have to pay a hefty fine.

Finally, the last major difference between Republicans and Democrats is how to handle Americans' 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 according to the Republican's beliefs. For example, their views on the issues of abortion, gay marriage, and abstinence all stem



from their religious beliefs, but they interfere with the principles of others.

On the contrary, the Democrats think that the government should stay out of Americans' personal lives. The United States Constitution outlines our rights to the freedom of speech, the freedom of religion, and the right to privacy in personal choices, thus strengthening their opinion.

In summary, Republicans want government to make all the choices for you on social issues, and for business to make the rest of the choices. Democrats, conversely, believe that you should choose for yourself where you stand on personal issues such as religion, marriage, and abortion. It's not that Democrats favor abortion or oppose any belief in God; it's that Democrats do not believe it is the government's job to tell you what to believe or how to live your life.

(Rebuttals of opposing views are always happily accepted for print in the Line O' Type.)

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LO'T Thoughts

Juniors are skeptical as testing approaches

Senior incentives (noun) - that which drives students to perform well on standardized testing.

Last year, posters were put up all around the building claiming a day off school and prizes including cash, gift certificates, and other items as a reward for those students who met or exceeded the standards on the PSAE in math and reading.

Yes, we were given a "day" off of school last week, but this turned out to be a half-day in which seniors did not even have normal classes. And the prizes? They are said to be arriving "soon," leaving some seniors frustrated.

As the testing for the Class of 2009 approaches, some juniors feel that the claimed prizes will be missing next year, just like they currently are. If the school does live up to the promises this could have a great impact on the effort put forth by juniors.

Without prizes or a day off, what incentives are there to make students perform to the best of their abilities on the standardized tests besides the ACT portion affecting college admissions?

It's unfortunate that the school must do this in order to get students to try on the test, but there just aren't many other reasons for students to perform well on tests that do not even count for a grade or get looked at by colleges.

Roses

Devin Hester
Thanksgiving break
Field trips
College visit days
Nice Fall weather
Black Friday
Cyber Monday
Arthur's Deli
Share Joys coming up
Facebook pokes
Acceptance letters
Christmas music
Anticipation of snow
New winter clothes
Jingle Jam
Peppermint ice cream
Holiday TV marathons
Project Runway Season 4
College friends on break
Holiday decorating and baking
Habaneros
Men with accents
Oprah

THORNS

College applications
Only half-day off for PSAE
8:10 AM
MHS bathrooms
No snow
Cold queso dip
3 full weeks until break
Frosty windshields
Tyra Banks
Ignorant voters
Getting sick
Sleet instead of snow
Not having a remote car starter
The Common Application
Swimming in P.E.
Snow not sticking to ground
Multiple tests per day
Same school lunches every day
Hiccups
Practice ACT testing
Political ads
No clean socks