

A Case For President Trump

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WHEN I VOLUNTEERED TO write an article about why voters should consider voting for President Donald Trump due to being one of the few who lean conservative on *The Sword* staff, I will admit I was a bit apprehensive. I was worried what people would think of me if they saw my name on a pro-Trump article. But, I think voters like you deserve to take an informed approach to choosing a candidate, and as a believer in free speech, I believe everyone has a right to have his or her voice heard, whether you agree with it or not. That being said, while I recognize he is not exactly an ideal candidate, even from a moderately conservative point of view, I am happy to offer considerations on why I am voting to reelect President Trump, and why you should too.

A great example of President Trump's diplomatic success is when he recently signed off on the Abraham Accords, a peace treaty between Israel and the nations of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Bahrain, overseen by the United States, and was signed by the leaders of all four nations. The agreement seeks to take a step in peace regarding Israel's relationship with the Arab nations surrounding it, which has been in turmoil since the nation declared independence in 1948. The goal of the treaty is to establish formal diplomatic relations between Israel and the other two countries of concern to the document. President Trump's effort in this historic document has won him Nobel Peace Prize nominations by Norwegian politician Christian Tybring-Gjedde as well as multiple Australian professors of law. Previous to this success, he was also nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize for his diplomatic efforts between North and South Korea, again by Mr. Tybring-Gjedde. He is also the first president in most of our lifetimes to not start a war, instead withdrawing troops, especially from the Middle East.

The mainstream media has made it clear it does not like Trump and will do anything in its power to put him in a negative light. However, it has brought how corrupt the media is to light, as demonstrated by constantly beating dead horses such as the supposed Russian collusion, and then his response to the coronavirus. Though Robert Mueller's investigation allegedly did find evidence of Russian interference in campaigns during the election season, there is no evidence to suggest the Trump campaign collaborated with these Russians to change the outcome of the election. And as far as how he treated the coronavirus, while his initial actions of withholding information are suspicious, the President's choice to close travel from China proved to greatly reduce the number of resulting deaths in America. Also remember that Vice-President Biden dismissed this move as outrageous and xenophobic, and his plan at the

time was to shut down the country far later than Trump did, which combined with not closing off travel would have yielded in much deadlier results for our country.

President Trump's words from the first presidential debate "I've done more for this country in 47 months than (Joe Biden) has done in 47 years" still resound with me, and it's true. In his first 100 days, he signed 96 bills into order. Granted, the majority of them concerned already existing laws, but they are actions nonetheless. He is a man of action, in contrast to Biden who has a record of being ineffective. The most action Biden has made in his years in office has been his 1994 crime bill, which caused a massive growth in numbers of correctional facilities and disproportionate mass incarcerations of black citizens, the effects of which are still felt today. And he sweeps it under the rug, pretending to be an ally to American racial minority groups. Obviously, I cannot say President Trump is either, but to pretend that Biden is is just as much a lie.

Another way the President has proved his effectiveness is in the appointing of 194 federal circuit judges, making up 24% of all currently active federal judges. This is second only to President Barack Obama, who appointed 312 justices, or 39% of all currently active federal judges. In addition to this, he has appointed three great Supreme Court Justices: Justice Neil Gorsuch, Justice Brett Kavanaugh and Ms. Amy Coney Barrett. Ms. Barrett in particular has proved her potential worth during her trials of Senate questioning prior to the voting period, in which she professionally answered loaded, childish questions about her validity as a conservative, religious judge. Not to mention the famous moment where she was asked what notes she was using for her well thought-out and detailed answers - many of the questioning senators had their own books and notes on hand to reference. Her response was to hold up a blank notepad, proving her incredible intelligence and knowledge of US law.

I've come to realize that if you can get past Trump's antics, his immaturity on social media, his brashness and insults, and childish behavior at debates, his policies may make up for a lot of it. He proved to be more of an effective individual than anyone could have foreseen. Of course, this all depends on your own political opinions - this article is just a collection of my opinions after all. If you feel Biden or a third-party candidate is the right choice for you, vote for that candidate. That's the beauty of American democracy. And be nice to each other.

The Pandemic's Effect on Sports

BY RENE ELIAS

CLOSE YOUR EYES AND try to think of the end of last year. The feeling of meeting up with your friends to watch the super bowl, planning whose house you are going to watch the big Sunday night at, or getting a group of friends and playing catch together outside. Fast forward to the end of February and the beginning of March when whispers of an unknown virus started spreading around the world. In an instant, our lives turned upside down with the world shutting down sports, colleges, and cities because of COVID-19. In our lifetime we never experienced a worldwide pandemic where we cannot be around family members, friends, and teammates who we are used to seeing all the time. It feels like we took those moments for granted, like going to football games on Saturdays and doing normal college things. Now, like most of the country we are doing our duty by socially distancing ourselves to the people we are used to seeing all the time to help prevent the spread of the virus.

As a member of Concordia athletics, I also had the feeling of uncertainty like many of the athletes. When would sports return? Would athletes ever be able to play here this year? We all waited in hesitation of the unknown, we waited over the summer for news of the pandemic ending. But so far there is no news on the virus stopping anytime soon. Moving forward 7 months after the shutdown we still do not know what the future holds for sports. With all of the procedures put in place around the school, I do believe that Concordia is ready for winter sports to return. I believe this because these past few months we have watched division-1 teams being able to play sports around the country, as well as gyms, reopening and private trainers regaining the ability of training athletes at all levels. I am confident in our school officials and leaders that we can have a safe season and get the joy from seeing our school teams play again. With that being said none of us has the answers of what is best to do in this type of situation. Since we are in unprecedented times and this is going to be our new "normal," I believe that the Concordia community will rally together and endure this crazy time in history together. Sports will eventually go on, and I think sports will get us through this time when we can finally get a slice of normalcy that we are all craving.