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Opinion



Why We Must Vote On November 8

By *The Skanner News*

XV Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

Section 1

"The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous conditions of servitude."

With less than a month to go until Nov. 8, early voting is opening in states across the country. Never mind the talking heads — it's finally time for we the voters to have our say.

Yet for many Americans it is hard to feel enthusiastic.

We want to elect leaders we can trust to deliver policies that benefit ordinary men and women. We want leaders we can believe in and who believe

in us, the American people. We want inspirational leaders. We want trustworthy politicians.

That's what we want. Yet what we seem to be getting is an endless stream of insults, threats and accusations. The 2016 election seems uglier and dirtier than ever.

Here at *The Skanner News*, we understand the feeling. But it's not an excuse to not vote. Your vote is important.

Politics is a long game — we must look at what our choices now mean for the future. Our ancestors knew that life would be better for future generations if they voted. They endured denial of their right to vote by those who saw it as a threat to their power. We must honor their fight for equal rights under the law. And it should be with pride that we cast our votes in the November election.

You may expect the worst. But vote.

You may feel disappointed. But vote.



You may have to study the issues. But vote.

We have to vote to keep our leaders accountable because the more of us who vote, the better the results will be. There is power in numbers and there is power in our votes. African Americans and Latino voters will determine the results of this election.

This week *The Skanner* is publishing endorsements. We hope you will vote with us, but if you disagree we still want you to vote.

Vote your pocketbook. Vote your best interest. Vote for the common good. Just vote.

Our democracy is not perfect, but it is the best system we have.

The Skanner News 2016 Candidate Endorsements

US PRESIDENT



Hillary Clinton

Hillary Clinton has demonstrated, before ever running for office, high values and a consistent desire to help the poor and marginalized — not

only in the United States but in other countries, such as Haiti. Her concern for women and families and work on their behalf is a hallmark of her legacy in politics. Clinton is an indisputably strong leader who has demonstrated her knowledge and ability to work on issues of domestic and foreign affairs. She is rock solid on securing a \$15-per-hour minimum wage, affordable health care, jobs for working families, and supporting thriving businesses, large and small. She is a staunch supporter of the voting rights bill, and has fought for civil rights all her life. There is a reason so many African Americans support Clinton. She has always supported them and looked out for their best interests, despite being criticized by some.

Her opponent, Donald Trump, is not qualified to be president. There is nothing in his resume that shows he has the ability to lead this nation. He wants an America that looks like him, not the America that embraces diversity — the real America we all know and love.

Clinton is the level-headed, morally strong leader this country needs. Vote for Hillary Clinton for president of the United States.

US SENATE



Ron Wyden

Sen. Wyden has been a champion for the interests and values of Oregon. He is at the forefront on most of the hot button issues that confront

this country, and can be counted on to speak up for the rights of all peoples. His town hall meetings around the state keep him in touch with citizens and their concerns. He has promoted treatment for opioid addiction, decriminalizing marijuana laws, advocated for cyber security and recently introduced a bill that would require presidential candidates to release their tax returns for public scrutiny. And much more. We urge voters to send Wyden back to Washington.

US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DISTRICT 1



Suzanne Bonamici

DISTRICT 3



Earl Blumenauer

Running unopposed.

DISTRICT 5



Kurt Schrader

GOVERNOR STATE OF OREGON



Kate Brown

We believe Kate Brown has the leadership qualities and values that we want to see in our governor. Be it jobs, education, health care, affordable hous-

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