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What are your views on the capitol insurrection?



"Over all it was heartbreaking to see how our president at the time handled the issue. It shows the maturity level of him and speaks volumes about his poor character."

–Jillian McGuire '21



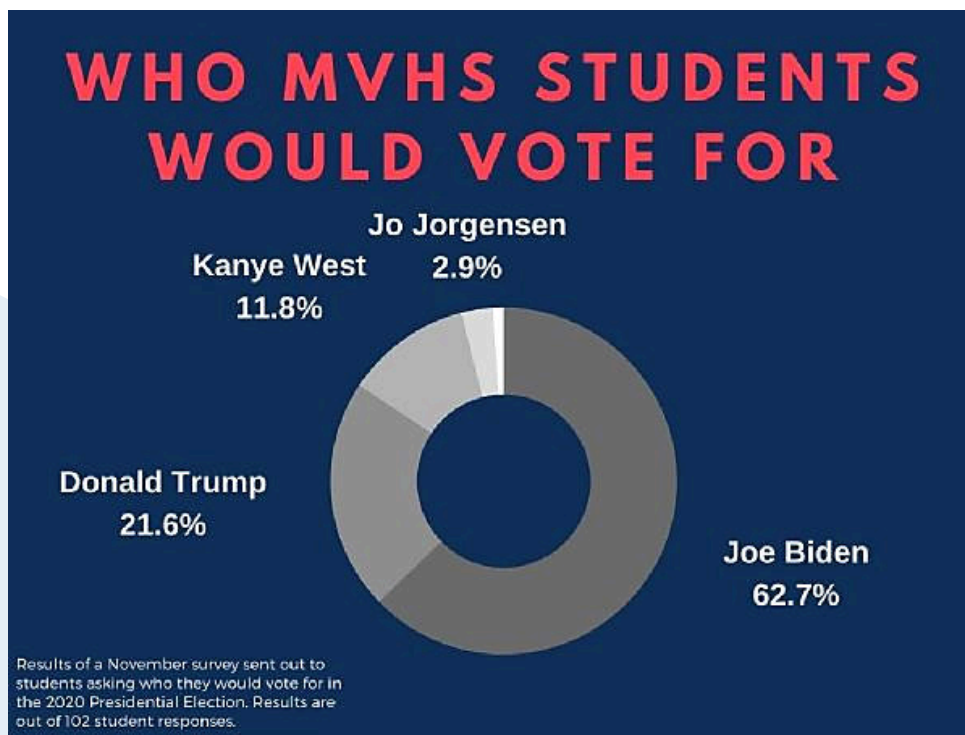
"I believe that the United States needs to come up with a better plan for the election of presidential candidates and it's priorities need to be established. To have a President that encourages such behavior is foolish and unacceptable."

– Sarah Homrighausen '22



"The United States government was specifically built to prevent oppressive leaders, so storming a government office shows that you have a poor understanding of American government, have a juvenile sense of tact, and that you're delusional because you think rioting in a government building will change anything."

– Matt Heck '22



STUDENTS REFLECT ON THE 2020 ELECTION

By Anna Moore

Stressed, anxious, terrified, nervous, overwhelmed, obsessed, disgusted, exhausted, scared, tearful. These are the words that the students at Mount Vernon High School used to describe their feelings about the 2020 election in the days leading up to it.

When choosing a president, students considered several issues. The biggest concern students had was equality. Whether it's racial equality, equality for women, or equality for the LGBTQ+ community, students felt strongly about this issue. Some argued that President Donald Trump is against equality altogether. Junior Ashlyn Steen, a Biden supporter, is concerned about racial and gender equality. "Some of

the things that Trump has said are a tad sexist, racist, homophobic, and/or transphobic. My real fear for the future of our country is that around 50 percent of it is willing to ignore all of that and still vote for him," she said. "Even if he doesn't act on that, the fact that you can vote for someone that has shown that he disapproves of that is horrific to me. It scares me," Steen said.

Trump supporters were reluctant to be publicly identified. The Trump supporters interviewed for this story said that there have been multiple instances where their view has been considered irrelevant or invalid when either having a debate or talking to someone about it. They

explained how no one seems to listen, but instead jumps right into a debate. Having more conservative viewpoints when attending a more liberal school, can be draining. "There are people there, at Mount Vernon who are Republicans, but they're not going to tell you because they're scared of retaliation," a Trump supporter said. "You want to be accepted. That's all you want, is to be accepted and to be heard."

Biden won the election and is now the 46th president-elect of the United States, but President Trump has yet to concede. This election impacted not only students' education, social interactions, beliefs, health, but their willingness to bring change.

Joe Biden

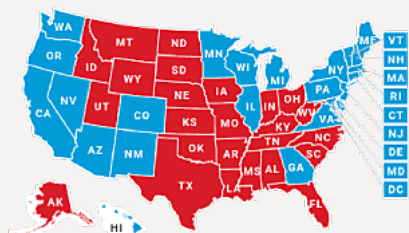
306 Electoral Votes

81,283,485
Popular votes

Donald Trump

232 Electoral vote

74,223,744
Popular Votes



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A TURBULENT ELECTION

Time line of the 2020 Election

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August 20, 2020

Joe Biden is chosen as the Democratic Candidate for president at the Democratic National Convention.



September 18, 2020

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg dies, leaving her seat open seven weeks before election day.



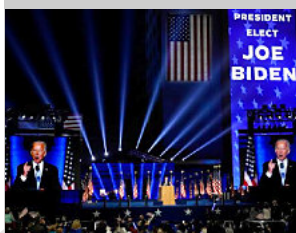
November 3, 2020

Millions of Americans cast their ballots on Election day. A large number of Americans voted by mail rather than in person due to COVID-19.



October 12, 2020

Amy Coney Barrett is sworn in as the new Supreme Court Justice. Lawmakers were criticized for rushing her confirmation only three weeks before the election.



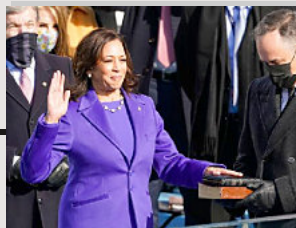
November 7, 2020

Joe Biden becomes the President-Elect after winning Pennsylvania.



January 5, 2021

Democratic Senate candidates Jon Ossoff and Rev. Raphael Warnock win the Georgia run-off election, swinging the Senate in the democrats' favor.



January 20, 2021

Kamala Harris is sworn in as the Vice President of the United States during the inauguration of President Joe Biden.



January 6, 2021

Thousands of Trump supporters storm the Capitol building to stop the certification of the electoral votes.



January 25, 2021

Articles of impeachment against Donald Trump are taken from the House of Representatives to the Senate.



February 13, 2021

Donald Trump is acquitted by the Senate in the Second Impeachment of Donald Trump. Trump was impeached on the charges of inciting the Jan. 6 insurrection.