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HILLS WEST GRADUATES EXERCISE FIRST AMENDMENT

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“Love Trumps Hate.” “This Is What Democracy Looks Like.” “Not My President.” Anyone scrolling through their Instagram or Twitter feeds has come across one of these slogans.

Ever since Donald Trump was elected to the highest office of the United States, large

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speech outside of the classroom.

Kaye was able to participate in protests in Washington D.C. and Baltimore. An environment of unity is described in one of her statements: “In the wake of the increase in hate crimes across the country, people there just wanted to sing old hippie-ish folk songs and be together, one voice of peace made from a few hundred

hurt by the social repercussions of Trump’s campaign ... regardless of who anyone voted for or politically leaned toward, this much hate speech and the prevalence of hate crimes must be condemned by the majority otherwise they will only get worse.”

In addition, Briana Cohen was also able to experience these protests, this time at Ohio State University. The “Not My President” campus protest was an event

Cohen’s motivation to join these protests was to “make everyone aware that violence and hate is not the way to solve problems and that it’s not okay to judge a person based on their gender, culture, religion, or skin tone.”

These protests against hate speech and hateful acts have been sparked by the wave of hate speech from radical groups that have arisen in the wake of the election, namely the appearance of

swastikas appearing on public property and the increase in offensive language targeting the LGBT community and Muslim-Americans.

CNN exit polls displayed the sharpest divide between the minorities of the country and their white counterparts. Many African Americans and Latinos would feel more confident with Clinton in the White House. As a result, the protests continue. To these protesters, the popular vote, which Clinton won, indicates the true will of the people, despite the results of the Electoral College.

Both Kaye and Cohen believe that protesting the American flag is not disrespectful and

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demographics have marched through the country’s largest urban cities in protest. Within those crowds are millennials and college students, including recent graduates from Hills West, who are protesting the President-Elect and his politics with the help of social media platforms and old fashioned protests.

Molly Kaye, a graduate from the “Class of 2015,” and Briana Cohen, a graduate from the “Class of 2016,” are two individuals that have utilized their right to freedom of

people ... [there have been] no fights [and] no arrests as far as I’m aware. Just people using the same freedom of speech the President-Elect loves to exercise by tweeting.”

Kaye’s motivation in being involved in the atmosphere of the protest was to “show solidarity with the people who are being

where the political climate was “intense due... a politically involved campus.” Cohen has seen “both sides of the spectrum -- the peaceful sit-ins and the violence that was broken up by the police.” The violent ones, she said, she merely watched from the sidelines and the protests she actually participated in were always peaceful.

that it is effective and appropriate. However, they both encourage protests to be peaceful. "If you believe that the country is not adhering to the principles it was built on, then do it, you're not hurting anyone," Kaye stated. "That being said, I believe the people running in the streets burning effigies and lighting other things

cause more and more people are discussing the issues that are taking place here in our country."

As people continue to protest against the President-Elect, the opinions of the Hills West students can be heard lingering in the hallways and classrooms. As protesters chant "This Is What Democracy Looks

assemble and peacefully protest.

Simran Awan, a Hills West sophomore, is one of many students that agree with this notion. "The type of hate and fear Trump has stoked in people through racist, misogynist, sexist, homophobic, and xenophobic comments throughout his campaign easily justify

and the Trump supporters were rioting and protesting) then these actions would not be condoned.

The one common message that both alumni and current students want the country to hear is that peaceful actions speak more than those intended to cause harm. In a nation that has faced one of its most divisive elec-



Photo taken by "Class of 2015" graduate Molly Kaye, during a Baltimore anti-Trump protest on November 11, 2016.

on fire are hurting their case no matter how noble the message is. Peaceful protest and actually listening to the other side is the better, though slower way, of creating change."

When asked about the more intense protesters, Cohen stated: "They are not disrespectful, they are not shoving their views down other people's throats and making a scene be-

Like," many students have begun to question -- is this truly what democracy looks like?

In fact, a wide array of students do agree that "this is what democracy looks like." As students well know, the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States guarantees the right for people to

these people's intense protests."

In contrast, however, Julia Jassey, another Hills West sophomore, tends to disagree with the fact that it is justifiable for people to protest this outcome. "I think that just as Donald Trump said in his 60 Minutes interview, if the situation were reversed (had Hillary Clinton won the election

tions in history, our core American values that are represented

in the Constitution and laws of this country have to be honored by all Presidents. Values of justice, equality, and liberty must be reflected in every president's actions and values, regardless of their political affiliation. If we expect this of our presidents, we should also expect this of ourselves.

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