

EASTERN SPEAKS OUT

What issue matters to you this Election?



Alexis Smith
Junior, psychology, Louisville

"I would say for this election is healthcare and how the system will be affected depending how on who is elected into office. In my opinion, the Affordable Care Act has helped many and has given us that are younger, the ability to stay on our parents until we're 26. That issue is huge to me as I have family members who have health issues that can lead them to multiple doctor visits."



Caroline McGlone
Junior, history, Prestonsburg

"Honestly, I just want everyone to stop fighting. And what I'm going to say will probably make everyone hate me but as of now I have no plan on voting because I don't feel like either side represents my views. I hate it. There's no cooperation. I feel like if everyone would stop antagonizing each other and stop thinking the worst of each other. I'm in a zoom class right now and my professor just stopped class to remind everyone to vote. It's not that I think my vote doesn't count, which is what she's concerned about, but I don't necessarily want my vote to apply to either party. Morally I don't think I could vote for either side with a clear conscience and I don't like that."



Camryn Drye
Junior, special education,
Cincinnati, Ohio

"I think one issue that matters to me in this election is unheard populations. Candidates are supposed to be for all people of their country, not just the top earning or living or those that look like them and think like them. I personally think we should be caring for those that are poor, don't have access to the best of the best and that are thought of as not trying. People that are homeless, people in poverty, people with disabilities, mental or physical, that may not be able to work. I think that is an issue that matters the most is how we are going to take care of these people."



Danika Riddle
Junior, psychology,
Hazard

"There are many issues that have pushed me towards voting for Joe Biden. However, it's hard to ignore the covert and overt racism that Donald Trump expresses. It's shocking that many people in our country give it a thought to vote for someone who has such views on the Black Lives Matter movement. To blame them in any instance for protesting, as if it is unconstitutional to protest an oppressive system. Joe Biden has directly stated that he believes that there is systemic injustice. I think back to the racist incident in Charlottesville, when Trump claimed, "There were very fine people on both sides." I think now at how he is handling COVID-19, in which BIPOC (black and indigenous people of color) are disproportionately affected. Joe Biden was not my first choice but he is the only choice now. To not vote for him would be against my morals and it would be a vote against the black individuals in this country."