

## **The Agora: Political Science Undergraduate Journal**

Letter for the Editorial Board

“We shall not cease from exploration, and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time.” T.S. Eliot

To truly be a student is to open oneself to the diversity of ideas and opinions that make up the world of politics, academics, and society. To only be aware of the variety of ideas is only the basic level of education. To empathize with the ideas of others, to understand their roots and the reasoning that justifies their opinions is the highest level of education any student can achieve. It is with this awareness that we can truly learn from the opinions of others, by understanding what and why they are able to reason such an opinion. This edition of *The Agora* offers such an opportunity - to understand why individuals think what they think, and argue what they believe.

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The Agora Editorial Board,

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