On Nov 7th, 2020, Democratic candidate and former Vice President Joe Biden won the United States 2020 Presidential Election after securing a win in Pennsylvania to secure over 270 votes from the Electoral College.

The election results took a seemingly excruciating slow four days to come to a conclusion, largely due to the amount of mail-in ballots received in every state due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The last election that took more than two days to complete was the 2000 US presidential election, which took 35 days and ended on December 13 after the Supreme Court decided to stop the Florida recount.

While not all the states had finished their ballot counts, namely Alaska, Arizona, and Georgia, the race was called as soon as Pennsylvania finalized their vote count and declared Biden the victorious candidate.

While most election polling put Biden securely ahead of Trump, Biden had only won the state by 0.6 points or just over 43,000 votes. Despite early voting giving Biden a lead, Election Day had swung Pennsylvania back towards Trump in a seemingly secure lead. Only after the in-person voting ended and the mail-in ballots had begun to be counted did the state begin to turn back blue. While initial speculation had made mail-in ballots seem to skew towards Biden due to the differing stances on mail-in voting from the Democratic and Republican parties, other factors such as young voter turnout and the potential for the elderly voters to prefer mail-in voting due to health concerns of long, crowded election lines during a pandemic created doubt that the skew would be significantly blue, if at all. However, as is apparent in the vote counts in the days following Election Day, mail-in ballots in Pennsylvania did indeed favor Biden. Biden’s victory can be attributed to Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin, all three of which voted red during the 2016 US Presidential Elections. Had the vote finished, Arizona and Georgia likely would have flipped as well.

The results of this election carries many potential implications for the future of the US. The fact that states such as Michigan were up for contention in the past two elections showcases the loss of faith in the Democratic Party from blue collar workers and the general disillusionment with modern politics in the US. On the other hand, Trump’s defeat in previously won battleground states show his inability to grow his own base and indicate that independents have been paying attention to his administration over the past four years. While speculation of the political zeitgeist of the US is fascinating, how Trump will handle his last few months in office into the transfer of power to Biden is of even greater uncertainty.

**Biden Secures 2020 Elections**

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75,361,263 votes (50.56%

270 electoral votes (309)

71,990,946 votes (47.72%)
Tips for Online Learning

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CONGRATULATIONS ROSE!
We’ve been on campus now for 9 weeks! Put yourself on the back for making it this far into the fall quarter! I know, I know, it doesn’t feel like that much of an accomplishment because a lot of interactions have been restricted, but I’m sure glad I got to see my friends and professors face to face this quarter! It’s really helped me get back on track from the mess I was from Spring, but alas, Winter Quarter has come to launch 3 weeks of full online learning from the mess I was from Spring, but I’m sure glad I got to see my friends and professors face to face this quarter! It’s really helped me get back on track from the mess I was from Spring, but alas, Winter Quarter has come to launch 3 weeks of full online learning.

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Some Useful Applications:

- Outlook / Google Calendar: Good for keeping reminders and scheduling times for meetings and times for assignments.
- Notion/OneNote: Good for typing notes and keeping them organized.
- Samsung Notes/OneNote: Good for writing notes and keeping them organized if you have access to a tablet.
- Trello: A board like view of organizing projects and other tasks.
- Asana: An application to help project plan for groups or personally.
- Side Note: I’ve used all of these applications so if you have any questions or inquire about how they could be useful, shoot me an email at russela@rose.hulman.edu

LIMIT Distractions
YES! I know that one meme is all over the internet but you have to limit the amount of distractions! Finding a balance between break time and school time can be very difficult, and I find that the best way to avoid this is to understand when you are able to focus and when you aren’t. Take breaks, schedule fun activities, and some downtime so you don’t find yourself reaching for your social media every 15 minutes. If you do find yourself getting distracted for long periods of time, then it’s time to take a break and reevaluate how long you are able to focus. Maybe your brain is telling you to work on a different subject for now and come back to it later when you have more energy.

Set a boundary between WORK and HOME
It’s probably hard to do this even when your at Rose, am I right? But you have to set a boundary when your at Rose, am I right? But you have to set a boundary when you aren’t working. Maybe your brain is telling you to work on a different subject for now and come back to it later when you have more energy. Take breaks, schedule fun activities, and some downtime so you don’t find yourself reaching for your social media every 15 minutes. If you do find yourself getting distracted for long periods of time, then it’s time to take a break and reevaluate how long you are able to focus.

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Keep a LIST and Reminders!

You’ve probably gotten that one text from a friend that reminded you of that once assignment due at midnight that you haven’t started on. To limit this from happening even more so because you won’t be around people that remind you all the time, it’s very important to keep a list and reminders about when assignments are due. The best idea is to write down the assignment once you know about it and schedule time for it, so it doesn’t become a later problem.

I hope everyone passes their finals and has a wonderful break!
Beware of COVID-19's Comeback

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I believe data speaks for itself in my time following the COVID-19 dashboard from Rose this fall quarter. I have seen clear trends. It is true that there are clear spikes in positive cases a week or two after relaxation of restrictions, be it on travel or student activities. For Rose, such includes the arrival of students at the beginning of the quarter and fall break, where students could go back home. Leaving the “Rose bubble” of safety precautions and consistent practices provides a risk of infection, and with that a risk of spread (included in that is people outside the bubble coming in, like students from other schools). As such, it will be good to keep people at home for most of the winter to reduce the back-and-forth spread. Keeping up with the pandemic is a difficult situation to maintain, I know, but it is possible. However, that requires EVERYONE TO BE RESPONSIBLE. People who already care about health and safety should not have to make up for those who care too little.

As said by Erik Hayes, and clearly shown in the data, Rose has seen a huge increase in positive cases this past week. Fourteen new cases among students, even including those who later tested positive when in quarantine (an additional 47 cases have come from there in total). Much can probably be attributed to gatherings from Hallowe’en or welcome events for new Greek Life members. But also, it seems, some students continue to not take rules seriously. They are in place for a reason, your actions affect other people whether you realize it or not. The country in general has also seen a spike in cases because of similar complicating factors, and with races from being over. I would have to see a ramping up of restrictions, but if people are not following what we already have, then it may be needed to go further. Over 50 million cases globally, nearly one in five. In the U.S., 25% of which are still active. Almost 10 million cases are from the U.S. alone, and almost a quarter-million deaths here. People's lives are at risk. It may not be you, but it may be someone you know... to my fellow Rose students: be careful, or else the worst is yet to come.

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Trump! You Are Free

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Finally, the election has passed and campaigns are over. The country held its breath for 4 days waiting for the announcement of the result. It was for many, left-leaning voters as well as right-wing supporters a moment of stress and anxiety. For all the parties involved, it was a crucial election marked by a historic turnout and an unmatched electoral fervor. Everyone was mobilized this electoral cycle. With the massive use of mail in ballots, Democrats and Republicans ‘had recorded a historic amount of votes in their favor. This election was particular; amidst a global pandemic and an economic downturn. The challenges were immense but the American people have proven one more time that they could rise to the moment and exercise their duty.

The result of the election although not definitive gives us a hint of the diversity present within America. The presidential elections were won by Joe Biden, who will become the 46th President of the United States. Kamala Harris is projected to be the first woman, the first Black person and the first Asian American to hold the office of Vice President of the United States. She is also the first African American and the first person of Asian descent to hold the post. However, it was not a complete sweep by the Democrats. The Republicans took back some seats in the House reducing the majority of Democrats. The Senate although not yet called will most likely stay in the hands of Republicans. The best scenario for Democrats would be a perfect 50/50 and the VP as the tie-breaking vote. The runoff elections will be held in Georgia, a primarily red state.

The loss of the presidency did not mean the loss of conservation on the left. Republicans received a record amount of votes and the projected blue wave did not happen. It is safe to assume that the country centered itself and the choice of Biden was a recalibration from Trump who seemed a bit more extreme. The majority of the population is neither too far to the right nor too far to the left. Joe Biden who is traditionally aligned with the Blue Dog Democrats had a greater appeal to undecided voters. The election showed a rejection of Trump and Trumpism. The election also showed a diversification of the electorate. The Blue Wave did not happen because the traditional base of Democrats was not as blue as suggested by the polls. Trump earned a second amount of votes from Latinos and African-Americans, he also had a way bigger share of the vote in the Black community compared to the first time. Biden won mostly among the youth and a greater share of White voters than expected.

Right after the announcement of the result, a Republican friend suggested that Trump's win in 2016 was a win for conservatism. I would have to disagree with his premise. Trump's victory in 2016 did not have much to do with conservatism per se but a populism that carried for once a conservative taste. Trumpism was and is unique because of its particular methods. The forces that helped Trump are the same that propelled Bernie on the national stage. Populism characterized politics across the globe in the 2010s, right after the global recession. Traditionally, Democrats have been looked to be more populist when Republicans have for very long avoided taking that road. In 2016, Trump rode the wave and showed an example of populist conservatism. It was not about conservatism in itself but Trumpism has profoundly humbled the GOP and many inside the party have noticed. Today, the GOP is as divided as the Democrats, with members ranging from the center to the far-right.

Because Trump was not a one-term president, he has not happened to Trumpism/Trumplism. He represented his base and made sure to satisfy them. He may have catered too much. When elected, Trump was a trialblazer, he was there to represent the people, he was supposed to “drain the swamp”. Once in office, he ended up surrounding himself with career politicians and governed with a style that did not reflect the individual attributes usually associated with the president. The played a character from beginning to end and it did not end well for him. He never took his role seriously and in showed. He never became president. He never tried to listen to all of America, unite the country, and govern with tact, integrity, and courage. Several of his close counselors were indicted, he was impeached, he publicly spews xenophobic rhetoric. These elections were a repudiation of his person. The American people had enough of the president who said “I don’t take responsibility”. They asked for him to resign. The country may have won the election but the headlines should be TRUMP LOST.
Video Assisted Referee

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One of the more impactful changes to the soccer world in the past few years is VAR, or Video Assistant Referee. In a gist, it is an off-field referee whose job it is to watch a game from multiple angles in order to call things that the on-field referees might miss. In particular, he looks at plays that are more impactful than the normal foul, such as calling offsides on goals and penalty kicks. One of the biggest parts of the implementation of VAR is the interruption it has introduced to the game. If VAR is checking a call and the play has stopped, the game will continue to be stopped until VAR is done checking. This can lead to long periods of time in which both players and fans are waiting. Recently, one of these times was a stoppage for around 6 minutes of which one player was on the pitch for only 20 seconds before being taken off.

One of the more impactful uses for VAR has been for calling fouls. When a call is made and an attacking player is closer to the opposing team’s goal when the ball is played to them than anyone on the opposing team, the play can be stopped by VAR. This can come into play when trying to get your team mates towards goal. VAR has made it so that players who would normally not be called offsides by the naked eye are now being called for a mere centimeter or so offsides. While technically this is how the rules are meant to be interpreted, it has put a damper on many goals in the past few seasons, and has resulted in running the side of the field in more than a couple times. Many commenters and even some players have criticized VAR for interrupting the flow of the game, stopping it while one team has the momentum, only for the other team to get a favorable VAR decision. Referees are told to let play continue if they are unsure, as VAR can always check the decision later. This has led to many players scoring goals, only to be called back a minute later. As more and more games are played with VAR, domestically and internationally, it will be interesting to see how much impact it has on the game overall.

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Sports Editor

Kansas City had to sweat a little against Carolina, Buffalo throttled Seattle and Baltimore's defense carried the team against Indianapolis. Sunday's early games saw mostly favorable outcomes, but there was plenty of excitement.

Here's what we learned:

**Buffalo Bills**

Remember how great the Buffalo offense looked during the team's thrilling 40-3 start to the season? Josh Allen and Co. were at home, a decision that league officials did enough to earn another start. Cook had 226 yards against Indianapolis and was briefly in the hands of Baltimore's Mattel when filling in for the injured Gardner Minshew, but all three teams saw their defense do its part to secure much needed victory. Luton's pro career went for a 73-10 victory over Detroit. Cook's 206 yards rushing were a career high and he increased his N.F.L. lead to 13 total touchdowns, which is three more than Kansas City's Tyreek Hill in second place. The Most Valuable Player Award will likely come down to Seattle's Russell Wilson and Kansas City's Patrick Mahomes, with Mahomes probably pushing into the lead following Sunday's win. But if the Vikings weren't 3-5, you'd have to at least consider if Cook's incredible season was worthy.

An interception can look a lot like an incomplete pass. Indianapolis was leading by 10-7 early in the third quarter when the team forced a fumble and took over on its own 23 yard line with a chance to increase its lead. On the first play of the drive, Philip Rivers attempted a pass to Marcus Johnson that was bobbled by the hands of Baltimore linebacker Marcus Peters before falling harmlessly to the turf. Ravens Coach John Harbaugh challenged the ruling of an incomplete pass, contenting that Peters took multiple steps with the ball before losing control of it, and the official confirmed that was correctly. Ten plays after the interception, Ravens kicker Justin Tucker slotted a 51 yard field goal to increase by 10 to 13 after the switchback switch. Allen's injury looking fairly serious, Smith could start next week against Detroit.

Jake Luton just might stick around. Luton, a sixth-round pick in 2020 out of Oregon State, had big chances to fill in during the bye week against the Bears. The Vikings pulled down three interceptions against Detroit and the Texans struggled at times but came up with a game-saving stop on a 2 point conversion in the closing minutes of...
TOP TEN Things to Put in Your Water Besides Ice Cubes

1. Frozen grapes
2. Diamond-studded watch
3. Frozen cool hwp
4. Frozen Chickie Nuggies
5. VODKA
6. Frozen pea
7. Frozen H₂O
8. Captain America for like 70 years
9. Frozen H₂O₂
10. Lightly refrigerated raisins
11. Dry ice
12. Liquid Nitrogen
13. Ice Cube, the rapper
14. Frozen rocks
15. Sweet corn ice cream
16. One of those medical ice packs
17. My tile floor first thing in the morning
18. Ice spheres
19. Ice squares
20. Ice dodecahedrons
21. The other side of the pillow
22. Harrison Ford c. 1977
23. Liquid Helium

Meme of the Week

If you have any strong opinions on this meme or if you would like to send me a meme to put on here, read the thing at the bottom to figure out my email, then email me that meme and I will probably put it on here. Thanks in advance. *If you are reading this and want to earn a prize, find the hidden meme within this page and email me*

Did You Know...

That today marks the fifteen anniversary of the day that I almost gave a flying f**k. It was a sunny day, and my brother asked me what I wanted for lunch. I said that I didn’t care. He asked me if I was sure and for a split second, I almost gave a f**k. It was a weird feeling that has not happened since.

Rewards for Pictures of Non-Soviet Spiderman!!!

Ivan Ivanovic Ivanovski
Rolls Throne Propaganda Minister

Attention, fellow Comrades:
The Rolls Throne Information Publishing Institution requires photographs of the capitalist vigilante known colloquially as “Spider-Man”. This criminal is wanted for treason, anti-party actions, and various other crimes. However, the Party does not have any visual evidence of his existence, and our former Lead Photographic Investigator, who has been put on permanent administrative leave, could not acquire any for us. As a result of his demise, the Institution is in need of photographs of the criminal.

Specifically, we require evidence of the vigilante committing treasonous acts against our fine country, but any photographs including this “Spider-Man” will be adequate for our purposes. If you have pictures, send them to directly to party email of rolls_throne_prop_min@rolls-hulmanovski.ru. Any persons found to be withholding information will be sent to Gulag. Any person found to be assisting the vigilante on his path of destruction will be sent to other Gulag in Siberia, which is much worse, take our word for it. Any person found to be Spider-Man will be sent to other other Gulag in Turkmenistan, the absolute worst of Gulags.

Reward details: One additional meal on day of recipient’s choice (for a total of two), one five-minute break on workday of recipient’s choice, and one additional degree of heat in the winter and one less degree of heat in summer.

Did you have to worry about these handouts being COVID-19 safe because I licked them when I was putting them together.
- Dr. Bryan

“You can’t tell me the moon is real when I can see its clearly still in the sky.”
- Dr. Thom

“I have hit peak moodle design.”
- Dr. Weatherman

“This system is the worst when communication between steps is a massive blob.”
- Dr. Hewner

Did you read says something hilarious or just great out of context? Did you hear something confusing or funny on your jaunt about the fine halls of this institution? We want to hear about it! Send your quotes with who said it to suppmg@rose-hulman.edu or fill out this nifty google form: https://goo.gl/forms/bB339sx6GHo6bgYyt

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