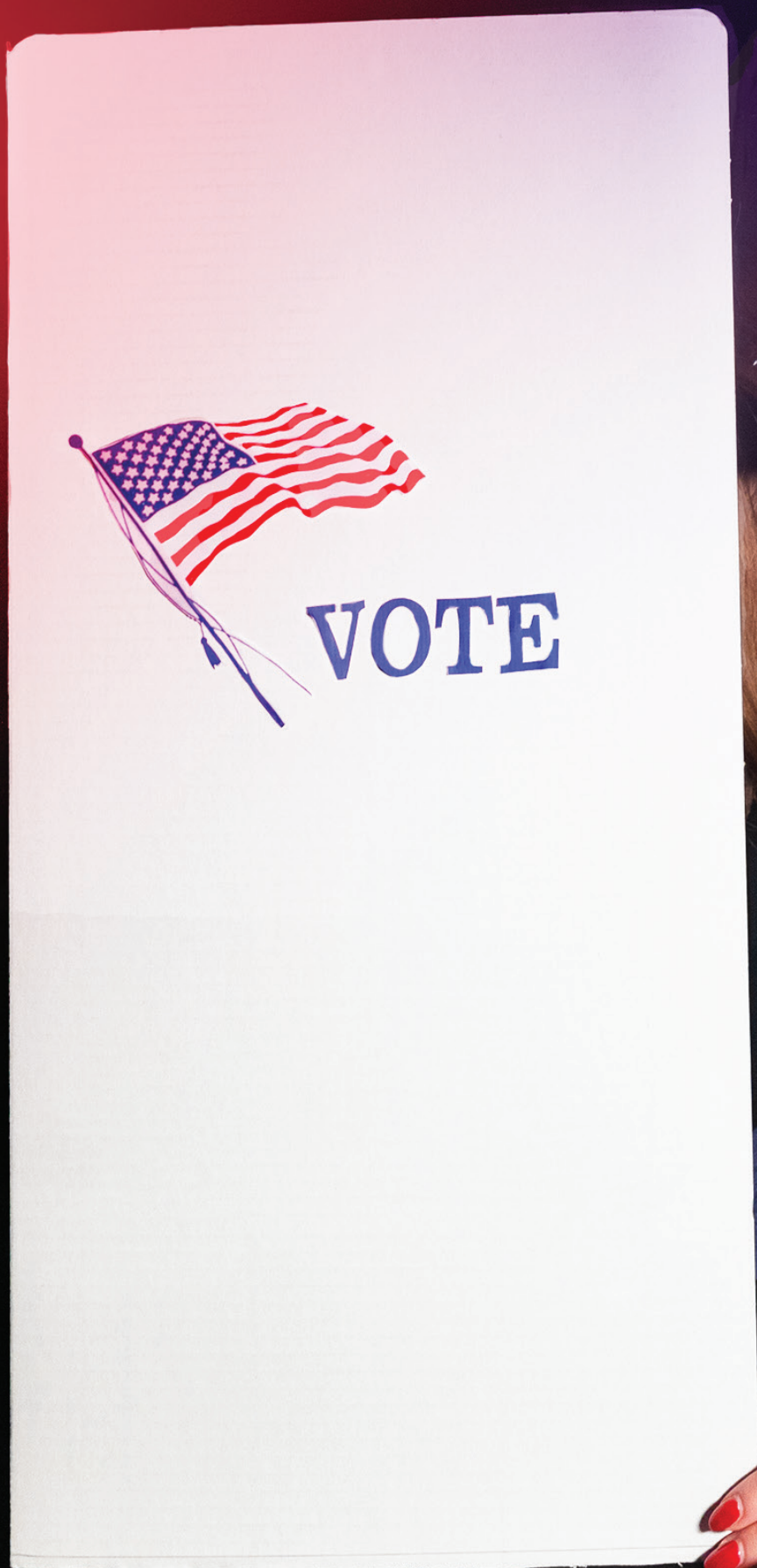




THE ITHACAN'S

VOTER GUIDE

*2024 GENERAL ELECTION
SPECIAL EDITION*



Checklist

Voting in-person

- Register to vote in NY or your home state at Vote.gov.
- If you are using a campus address, go to the Longview Senior Living Community.
- Grab a ride from IC's Voter Registration task force between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.
- Carry a valid form of photo ID. A student ID is not a valid form of ID in New York.
- Ask for an affidavit ballot at the polling station if you did not prove ID.

Voting by mail

- Make sure that you are registered to vote in your hometown.
- Order your absentee ballot if your state requires it.
- Check your state's mail-in ballot deadline. You can find this information on Vote.org.
- Mail-in ballots should be returned by Oct. 26 to Nov. 3.

AT A GLANCE

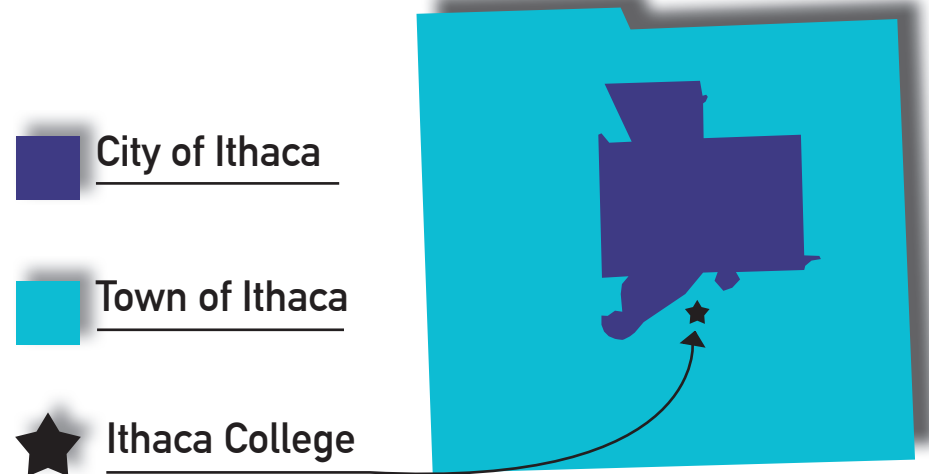
Voting Locations

TOWN OF ITHACA

- Longview Senior Living Community
- Tompkins County Public Works Facility
- Linderman Creek Apartments Community Buildings
- Museum of the Earth
- Eliss Hollow Apartments — East Entrance
- BOCES
- First Congregational Church of Ithaca

CITY OF ITHACA

- Lehman Alternative Community School
- Titus Towers
- Southside Community Center
- Greater Ithaca Activities Center
- Town of Ithaca Town Hall
- South Hill Elementary School
- Belle Sherman Annex
- Robert Purcell Community Center



Important Dates

Oct. 26

- Applications for mail-in ballots must be submitted to your home county's BOE
- Voter registration due

Oct. 26 - Nov. 3

- Early voting will take place at Tompkins County early polling sites between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Early mail-in voting will take place

Nov. 5

- Voting on Election Day will be open between 6 a.m. and 9 p.m.
- All mail-in ballots must be postmarked

Nov. 12

- Mail-in ballots must be received by New York State Board of Elections



CITY AND COUNTY BALLOT



MAURA KENNEDY-SMITH • TOMPKINS COUNTY COURT JUDGE

Maura Kennedy-Smith will be running unopposed on the Democratic and Working Families Party tickets on the Tompkins County ballot. She will serve alongside two other judges, Joseph Cassidy and Scott A. Miller, who are currently serving as county court judges. John Rowley, who was the third judge, retired effective March 1. Kennedy-Smith has served as the town justice for the Town of Lansing for five years and has 10 years of experience as principal court attorney in the Tompkins County Court.

Kennedy-Smith’s campaign site says she is focused on compassion towards the people whose cases she will be hearing. She said that while looking at a case, she considers both the legal implications and the individual behind the case.

“You also have to consider the community, like, ‘Does that person have a family? Are they the only source of support for a family?’” Kennedy-Smith said. “Obviously, you have to weigh the consequences of whatever actions they took that led to a conviction. But you have to weigh those other things too.”

MATTHEW VAN HOUTEN • TOMPKINS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Matthew Van Houten, Tompkins County unaffiliated district attorney, is running unopposed for reelection on the premise of restorative justice. If reelected, this will be Van Houten’s third term. The responsibilities of a DA include prosecuting all violations of New York state law within the county. There are a wide range of violations a DA handles, like felonies, misdemeanors and traffic violations.

Van Houten said he believes the county’s justice system is a leader within the country because of its holistic approach taken towards prosecuting and the county’s low jail population.

“[My office is] thinking of new ways [to prosecute], not just accepting the system and the status quo as the right way to do things, trying to think outside the box of how to resolve a case with accountability and closure,” Van Houten said. “But also not imposing arbitrary standards on someone, giving people a chance to learn from their mistakes and to not be stigmatized for the rest of their lives by a criminal conviction.”



RICK WALLACE • CITY OF ITHACA COURT JUDGE

Incumbent Rick Wallace is running unopposed for reelection as the Ithaca City Court judge on both the Democratic ticket as well as the Working Families ticket. Wallace has been on the bench as the Ithaca City Court judge since 2015. He was also a former president of the Tompkins County Bar Association.

During his last campaign in 2014, Wallace ran on the premises of treatment court and developed a plan to reinvigorate the public service in the City of Ithaca. Treatment court allows citizens who landed in court seek treatment for substance abuse with court supervision rather than jail time.

“We emphasize addiction as a medical issue, not a moral shortcoming,” Wallace said in the article. “I constantly remind participants that they are not bad people trying to become good; they are unwell people trying to get better.”

FAQs

On the ballot, four people are running unopposed. Why is this?

Only one candidate for each of the roles filed a petition to run for office. In late February, there was a ballot access process where candidates who wished to run in their prospective political parties were required to get a certain amount of signatures to run in the primary. Across Tompkins County, a candidate needs 1,000 signatures to run in the Democratic Party, 506 signatures to run in the Republican Party, 17 signatures to run in the Working Families Party and 21 signatures to run in the Conservative Party. This means either candidates ran and did not get enough signatures, or there was no competition for the incumbents

Can a candidate represent two parties?

New York is one of five states in the U.S. that allows a form of fusion voting on the ballot. Fusion voting is a process in which more than one minor political party can nominate the same candidate. According to proponents of the concept, fusion voting allows minor parties to have greater influence and gives minor party candidates a chance to receive multiple endorsements.

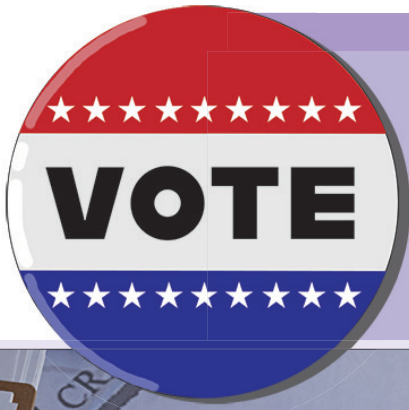
Why are there no local issues on the ballot for Ithaca voters?

To get a measure on the ballot, a citizen of Tompkins County needs to first bring the measure to their local municipality. In this election, three propositions were put on the ballot only in the Town of Enfield and none were brought up in any other municipality. The three propositions plan to increase the terms of town supervisor, town clerk and highway supervisor from two years to four years.

Are college students able to vote in Ithaca?

As long as a student has lived in Tompkins County for 30 days, they can register to vote in Tompkins County. If a student does not have a New York State driver’s license, they will not be able to register to vote online. A student will have to print out a voter registration form and register with the last four digits of their social security number, then either bring the form to the Board of Elections office at 128 East Buffalo Street Ithaca, NY 14850 or mail it to the office. A student can also register in person at the Tompkins County Board of Elections office. To register to vote in New York or vote in their hometown, you must be over 18 years of age, be a U.S. citizen, live at your present address for over 30 days and not be in prison for a felony conviction.

Community discusses sole proposal on ballot being able to expand state protections against discrimination



BY TREY NITZA

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The only proposal on the 2024 New York state ballot is an amendment to protect against inequality Prop 1, also referred to as the Equal Rights Amendment Act, would expand legal

protection against discrimination based on ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, gender identity and expression, pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes and reproductive autonomy.

Caitlin Hunter, community organizer in Ithaca for Planned Parenthood, said she thinks it is important for citizens to vote for Prop 1 because national abortion rights are no longer guaranteed by the federal constitution since Roe v. Wade was overturned in 2022.

“The important thing to remember is that resolutions and laws can be overturned by whoever’s in power,” Hunter said. “When rights are cemented into our state constitution, it has more permanence and is harder to change, and that’s why we are working so hard to get this passed.”

If passed, this would be the first time discrimination against pregnancy or pregnancy outcomes would be explicitly defined as sex discrimination and protected by a state constitution, according to NYCLU.

According to a study from the Pew Research Center, 64% of the New Yorkers surveyed support abortion rights in all or most cases. First-year student Ana Kirsch said that even though New York largely supports abortion rights, she is concerned about the issue.

“I think that there’s a very real possibility that things like this could be taken away,” Kirsch said. “So it makes me feel safer to have something like this on the ballot to kind of reinsure that things like that, like reproductive health,

won’t be taken away.”

Tompkins County Legislator Mike Sigler said Democrats are using the abortion issue on the amendment to push other agendas.

“They’ve attached a bunch of other things to it, like allowing boys into girls sports that a lot of people don’t support,” Sigler said.

Those against Prop 1 claim that it would allow for minors to receive gender-affirming care without parental consent, calling it the “Parent Replacement Act,” according to a New York Times article.

There is no mention of gender affirming surgery or parental approval in the amendment, according to the New York Board of Elections.

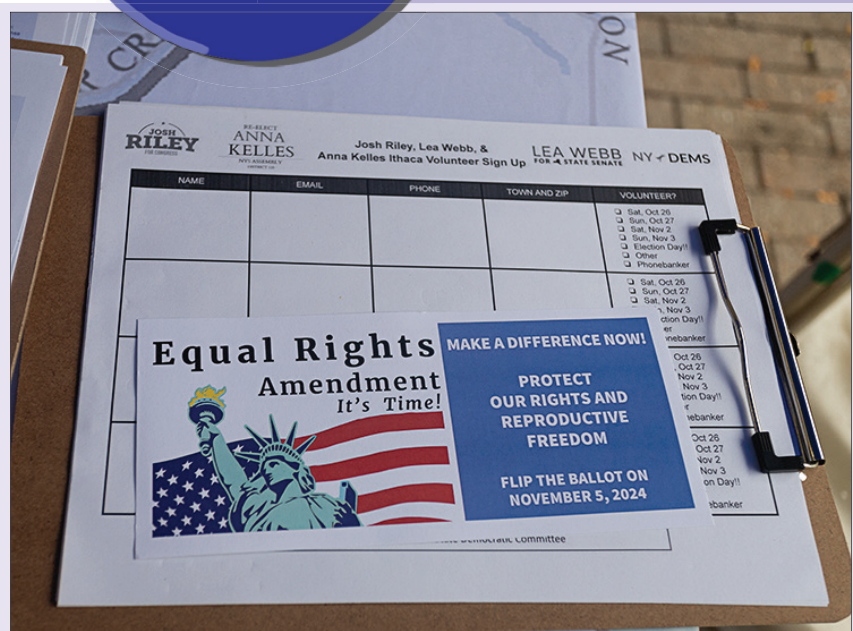
The amendment will provide equal protection to trans people under law, but does not have any language about increasing minors’ privileges or taking away parental rights.

Hunter said the most important aspect of Prop 1 is simply guaranteeing rights for as many people as possible.

“The key piece here is that it’s talking about protecting New Yorkers against state government discrimination,” Hunter said. “So in New York state, this moment is really important to protect all New Yorkers, no matter who you are, where you come from, who you love.”

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The Equal Rights Amendment brought to New York state would expand protection against discrimination of race, religion, ethnicity and reproduction.

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Task force leads voter registration initiatives at IC

BY AEALA SHAW

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

As Nov. 5 draws nearer, Ithaca College students, faculty and staff are heightening efforts to give students the tools and resources they need to vote. The Voter Registration Task Force is an ad hoc committee that promotes voter education on campus and is leading these efforts.

The idea to form the task force was born in Fall 2023, when members from the Tompkins League of Women Voters reached out via email to communications librarian Cathy Michael, now the chair of the task force. Michael said the league asked her to set up a voter information table on National Voter Registration Day.

Doreen Hettich-Atkins, executive director of the Office of Student Affairs and Campus Life, said she helped form the task force in Spring 2024 with Dan Rogers, associate director of student involvement in the Office of Student Engagement.

Sophomore Joslyn Forcione recently joined the task force committee, hoping to create a social media presence for the group. She said she does not think students are aware that the committee exists or that they

can become members.

“It is not posted ... anywhere, [how to] join,” Forcione said. “It doesn’t seem, at least to the general college student population, like something they can be involved in.”

Committee members are engaging students with the topic of voting in the most direct setting: the classroom. Michael Trotti, professor in the Department of History and legal studies coordinator, said he delivers voting-related talks to classes.

Starting Sept. 16, Trotti said he gave a voter preparation talk to 24 required Ithaca Seminar classes. Trotti said he reached over 450 students.

“As first-year students, this is ... going to be the first election they’re voting in,” Trotti said. “So, it’s especially important to reach them.”

In 2016, Trotti began teaching a one-credit course during federal election years called Voting: U.S. Elections in Historical Context. The course teaches students about historical voting patterns and the evolution of the U.S. party system.

In Fall 2024, the course is being taught by his colleague Michael Smith, professor in the Department of History.

First-year Angelina Calbo

said she went into Trotti’s presentation confused about the registration process. Calbo said she and her classmates are now prepared to vote for the first time.

“We were very excited,” Calbo said. “We kind of had conversations with each other to help each other figure out how to register to vote.”

First-year students are not the only demographic Trotti has been speaking to. Starting Sept. 23, Trotti said he began giving 10-minute informational talks to classrooms about voting. Professors who have invited Trotti to speak teach a range of subjects, including politics and physical therapy.

“It’s professors who just think it’s really important that students have this information, and maybe they themselves are not as comfortable with dealing with political material,” Trotti said.

For students studying at the college’s London Center, the U.S. Vote Foundation is assisting students in voting while abroad.

The foundation is a nonprofit that consolidates election data and voter services for public use. The London Center held voter information events to teach students how to register and apply for



From left, Cathy Michael, Maria Lesser and Doreen Hettich-Atkins engage in “Be Vote Ready,” a session organized Oct. 1 to help students register to vote.

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absentee ballots.

Susan Dzeduszycka-Suinat, president and CEO of the U.S. Vote Foundation, said via email that the organization’s goal is to help every citizen participate in the democratic process, including American voters overseas.

“If you care about your future, you should vote,” Dzeduszycka-Suinat said. “This is not a personality contest. It is about the future of the country and the world. Don’t stand by and watch it when you have the power

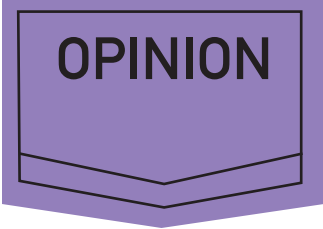
to participate.”

Forcione expressed said students have the power to shape their future with their votes, and should not feel apathetic.

“There are a lot of people in this election that are counting on students not voting, and it’s very important to at least get our voice out there,” Forcione said. “Everything is political, whether we want to believe it or not. And as a generation, we should care.”

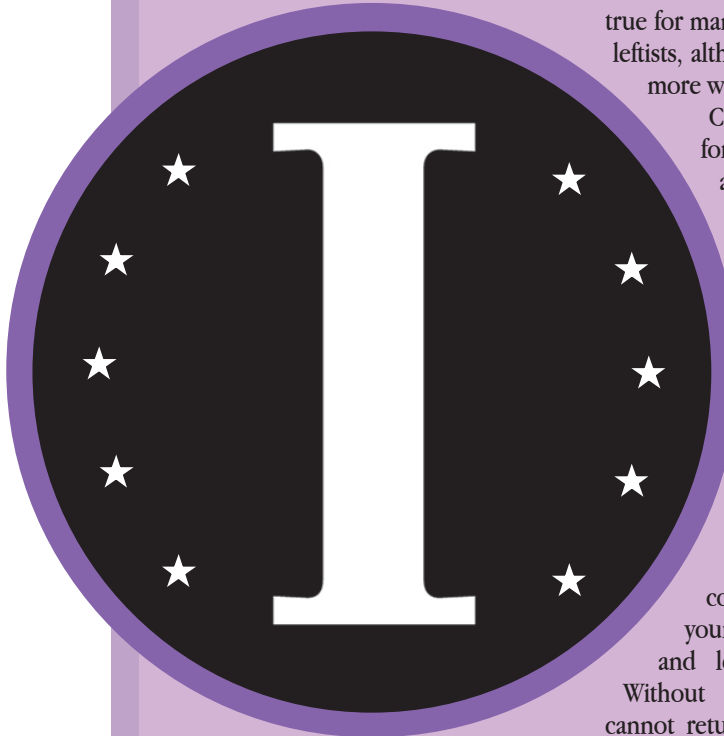
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Democratic process is strengthened by freedom of speech on college campuses



THE ITHACAN
EDITORIAL

Ithaca College is well-known as a liberal leaning space — this year, it was ranked as #22 in Princeton Review’s list of “Most Liberal Leaning Students.” This does not mean that students, faculty or



community members should discourage academic discourse that includes conservative voices. In actuality, the opposite is necessary. When students are constantly hearing the same ideas or talking points, this means that they are existing in an echo chamber that narrows their viewpoint of the world.

The fact that *The Ithacan* could not find conservative students to speak to regarding the election process on this campus for this issue does not mean that conservative students do not exist: instead, it points to a pattern that is dangerous in any political context, which is a reluctance to divest from group patterns of thinking because of the fear of retaliation. This is also true for many people who identify as leftists, although those positions are more welcomed on campus.

Classrooms are spaces for conversation, learning and growth. This should not change. Students should think about the voices they are not hearing and question why those voices feel like they do not have a place in the conversation. Speaking up can feel like a dangerous endeavor, but there is no better place than a college campus to test your personal thoughts and learn about the world. Without experimentation, we cannot return to spaces of comfort and understanding with new insights.

The lack of political diversity on this campus has been pointed to as a potential perk for students: like draws to like. But it also creates a funnel of like-minded ideas that may never force students to explain, defend or further research their political and social positions. It creates an environment

where hostility toward those in the minority opinion is often celebrated and normalized, which does not further civil dialogue.

Rather than shutting down ideas that do not match with their own, students must pay attention to differences in opinion and allow for them to be heard. Without this intention, no one learns. No one has the opportunity to have their views challenged. Our campus community is weaker for it.

According to the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression, 17% of students surveyed in 2024 said they were afraid to speak their mind because of responses from peers, faculty and administration, compared to 22% in 2022. Conservative students expressed the highest rates of self-censorship, with 34% stating that they self-censored “very often” in comparison to 15% of liberal students. However, censorship of other peoples’ voices has increased on college campuses in comparison to previous years. Also, according to FIRE data from the same report released in September, 68% of students said that intimidating a speaker into stopping their speech, also known as the “heckler’s veto,” should occasionally be allowed.

The use of violence to stop political speech on campus was considered “rarely acceptable” by 32% of students, which is a significant increase from the previous 2024 report. Additionally, 54% of students polled said discussion of the Israel-Hamas conflict is often difficult, which is also reflected in the increased

international attention surrounding college students’ response to the conflict within the past year.

These statistics show a concerning rise in practices that inhibit free speech on college campuses across the U.S., and an increasingly tumultuous climate in relation to political speech throughout the nation.

Hot button issues often lead to a silencing of campus voices in favor of one seemingly united ideology. It is easy to walk the well traveled road of acquiescence, but there is no educational, civic or personal benefit in that option. In turn, it is easy to silence those you disagree with, but this is also a dangerous path that does not benefit a student’s education or civic engagement.

The college’s community must be willing to listen to voices that may not initially be expected in the conversation. If this is truly a place that wants to facilitate learning and open conversation, the attitudes of students regarding each others’ political stances must lose their rigid partisanship and burning polarity.

If an opinion is more prevalent, that does not mean it is the correct one. If an opinion stands out in a crowd of similar voices, that also does not make it revolutionary.

But if an opinion is never heard at all, it cannot be considered. If an opinion is never voiced, nothing can change for the better. That will not create an opportunity for growth, and is detrimental to the community.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Editor’s Note: The opinions in this commentary do not necessarily reflect the views of the editorial board.

Democracy does not end at the ballot box

BY RICHARD MARTIN
SENIOR

As the 2024 election rapidly approaches, both parties dove headfirst into existential rhetoric. “This will be the most important election of our lives,” said 75% of Americans according to PBS. This was supposed to be the case in 2020 and 2016. Come to think of it, why would any party tell you otherwise? Isn’t the goal to motivate the most people to go vote?

Americans are increasingly frustrated with the state of politics. No matter who has power, things are incredibly expensive, our global reputation continues to plummet and we are faced with ongoing fascism. We must have a candid conversation and ask ourselves: “What did we get out of our vote?” Joe Biden was honest when he ran in 2019, telling wealthy donors that nothing would fundamentally change. He was correct beyond even what he may have meant. Migrant detention centers with deplorable conditions still hold entire immigrant families, police continue to kill with impunity and Israel, who the United States has supported with military aid, is bombing Lebanon, Gaza, Syria and Yemen simultaneously. Israeli scholar of genocide and Holocaust studies Raz Segal called it a “textbook case of genocide.” To top it all off, people experiencing homelessness are facing an increase in police violence in California while being scapegoated for crime, despite crime rates being down.

Marginalized groups are faced with a more energized, more organized far-right violence and harassment.

Democrats have had power for 12 of the last 16 years, interrupted only by Donald Trump. The honest reality, one that many white liberals do not want to admit, is that voting will not save Americans. That is not to say you shouldn’t vote; I will not tell you what to do with your voice, that is for you to decide. However, voting should not be the furthest extent of your democratic participation. Voting has not stopped the major trends that concern the next generation, people of color, Arab Americans, immigrants and others. We must put our attention and action elsewhere in the political system.

The ballot box is the perfect distraction. On its face, it’s a way to make your voice heard. When one considers the influence of money in politics, it’s clear we have virtually no say in policy. To think otherwise is a fantasy, one that the state needs you to keep buying so the same people can remain in power. Beyond voting, it is necessary to join protest movements, unionization efforts and local action groups that provide aid for those that need it. Get involved in local politics and advocate for change at a level where you can have some influence. Spread the principles of democracy to your workplace: fight for worker co-ops and develop solidarity with other struggles for liberation and better conditions.

Thinking you have accomplished your civic duty by voting is precisely what the elites of society, those who have been stealing wealth from the working class with every year, want you to believe. They want you to think voting is the end all be all. They want you to believe there’s nothing more you can do. They want you to

believe this is the best that democracy can get. I urge you to reject the notion that you are obligated to vote for a certain party. I urge you to expand your horizons on what democracy truly means. Both parties refuse to reform, defund or abolish oppressive structures and policies, such as the death penalty, and both parties are complicit in genocide. To think either of the two options are going to be your savior is to reject these observable data and trends before your eyes. Perhaps, as a society, we don’t want to admit how little progress we have made. I argue we have no choice. Look beyond celebrity worship and endorsements and the aesthetics of those running for office. Instead, look to your fellow Americans for inspiration from the masses of people demanding change in the streets and taking direct action against oppressive systems. A better future is possible, if only you see voting as the first step of democracy, not the last.



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CAMPUS COMMENTARY

Here's what the campus is saying about the election.

Editor's Note: These responses were selected through brief, impromptu interviews. They are not representative of the entire Ithaca College community.



MAREN NAZAR
FIRST-YEAR STUDENT

"Third party voting is not a good idea right now. It seems like a great idea because you might vote for the camp that you align with more. But right now, where we are in the process, it's impossible for a third party to win, so you will be granting votes to the party you like the least. If you do vote for a third party, I think it's possible someday, but [not] in this election."



"I'm worried about how it is going to go for me as a woman, for my friends who are women and just in general for [legal] rights. It's very stressful, because the [outcome of the presidential election] could be significantly different both ways."

CHARLY SLUSSER
SENIOR



"I think there's a lot at stake, no matter who you're planning on voting for, and so youth involvement is really important in this election. It's really easy for me to vote for who my parents or friends are gonna vote for. When you're going in to vote for such an important figure, [you need] to have background knowledge and understand what they stand for."

SAMANTHA FUNK
JUNIOR

MARLEY SOLEIL
FIRST-YEAR STUDENT

"As a gay Black woman, I feel that if Donald Trump gets another term, my life would be in danger. I feel like my reproductive rights would be at risk from a national ban. I wouldn't be able to marry who I want to marry, and I fear that a lot of the laws that have been put in place to make sure that Black people have equal footing in this country would be taken away and seen as [diversity, equity and inclusion]."



SAM ALDRIDGE
ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR

"If you don't vote, that is still voting. I call that "boo" voting. This is your one time to throw it back at the powers that be and make your voice heard. You should do so... I'm voting for Harris, although I'm not super excited. I don't like her unquestioning support of the State of Israel. I don't like what she says about expanding fracking in Pennsylvania. I don't like how she is giving more and more over to right-wing policies."

"I'm very excited to vote for [Kamala Harris] and not an older white man; I feel like voting in Indiana, in a red state, means my vote matters. There's millions of those who feel like [their] voice doesn't matter. But it's the foundation of our country, it's the foundation of our entire governmental system. So it's important, and you should be proud to participate."

JILAYNE KISTNER
FIRST-YEAR STUDENT



GUEST COMMENTARY

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Passing Prop 1 is needed for New Yorkers

BY LILLY TOLLIN
SENIOR

In November, New York state residents will be able to vote for the New York Equal Rights Amendment on the back of the general election ballot.

The ERA, known as "Prop 1," is an amendment to the New York State Constitution that will protect the reproductive rights and freedoms of New York residents, as well as ensure protection from discrimination of people with disabilities, women, pregnant individuals and members of the LGBTQ+ community.

As the president of Ithaca College's chapter of Planned Parenthood Generation Action, we have been part of a broader effort across chapters to raise awareness about the upcoming decision. There has been a surprising lack of media coverage about Prop 1, and we found through local canvassing that many people are unaware that this initiative will be on New York's ballot. Because approximately 44% of Ithaca College students are New York state residents, the college alone has the power to cast 2,200 votes for statewide abortion protection.

The overturn of *Roe v. Wade* in 2022 repealed federal protection of abortion access in the United States, leaving reproductive health care legislation up to state governments. Although reproductive freedoms are currently protected in New York state laws, voting "yes" to Prop 1 will make it difficult for any legislators to repeal these protections in the future.

Since 2022, abortion has become illegal in 14 states, and in states like Texas, Alabama and Louisiana, near-total abortion bans criminalize miscarriages and deny patients proper treatment. The implications of abortion restrictions extend far beyond just abortion. Bans have the potential to reduce access to contraception, fertilization treatments and pregnancy care, and New York is not safe from the possibility of these restrictions. New York state politicians have introduced 53 anti-abortion bills in the past 10 years, but codifying equal rights would prevent future bills from passing.

Voting in favor of Prop 1 in the upcoming election will protect access to abortion, emergency contraception, IVF treatment and birth control across the state, regardless of the beliefs of those in power. It protects all clinics across the state, even in rural areas, where people seeking abortions often have to travel greater distances for available health care.

Beyond abortion protections, Prop 1 would help domestic violence victims hold abusers accountable in court, ensure LGBTQ+ residents equal access to employment and health care, as well as improve voter accessibility for disabled citizens.

As restrictions increase nationwide, Prop 1 places rights and access in the hands of voters rather than politicians. With an uncertain political climate, it is up to voters to cement equal rights for historically marginalized groups in New York.

Planned Parenthood of Greater New York is



working with New Yorkers for Equal Rights in support of their "YES on Prop 1" campaign, which will be active through the election to raise awareness of the proposal and encourage voters to flip their ballot over to vote for Prop 1.

If you want to get involved or need help registering to vote, the college's chapter of Planned Parenthood Generation Action will be hosting a voter registration drive from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 2-4 and Oct. 22-24 in the Campus Center.

New York residents should hold the power over their own lives, futures and health care. Spread the word about Prop 1 and encourage others to flip their ballot and vote "yes" on Nov. 5.

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STATE AND NATIONAL BALLOT

PRESIDENT



DONALD TRUMP

Trump's economic plan outlines policies like cutting spending and making tax cuts permanent through the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. He plans to protect Medicare and promote competition between drug companies to decrease costs for citizens and lower energy prices like natural gas, coal and oil beyond record levels.

KAMALA HARRIS



Harris' economic plan includes expanding the child tax and a tax cut to help families pay for a child's first year of life. According to her campaign, cutting the costs of expensive drugs will help make them more accessible. She also advocates to protect Americans from the climate crisis by maintaining the values of the IRA.

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KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND

Gillibrand's campaign focuses on job growth and the establishment of small businesses through the Main Street Employee Ownership Act and increasing the minimum wage. She prioritizes hiring people from local communities.

Gillibrand opposes the privatization of Social Security and prioritizes health care for all New Yorkers. In June 2023, Gillibrand passed the 9/11 health bill, which helps to ensure that first responders and 9/11 survivors can get access to health care.

In 2021, Gillibrand established efforts to fight for reproductive rights. This included a statewide public information campaign and the development of a patient bill of rights to inform women of their rights and legal protections.



MICHAEL D. SAPRAICONE

Sapraicone's policy includes the restoration of a state and local tax deduction and the reversal of a \$1 billion cut from the NYPD. Sapraicone supports blocking the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's congestion pricing program implemented in June.

Sapraicone supports Social Security and Medicare benefits for seniors. In 2021, he was appointed to the board of directors of Mount Sinai South Nassau. In this role, he helped finance and develop projects at the hospital and oversee hospital functions.

Sapraicone is in favor of a seven-week abortion ban. He believes New York's laws are too liberal but does not support a national abortion ban. Sapraicone thinks that abortion restrictions should be made by individual states.



DIANE SARE

Sare's plan states that commercials and investment banking should be separate from each other and that the National Bank should replace the Federal Reserves. Sare has proposed projects the U.S. could take part in that help develop the nation's infrastructure.

On Aug. 13, Sare protested the closure of the Mount Sinai Beth Israel Hospital in the Lower East side of Manhattan and spoke to the press about the closure being an example of big corporations looting vulnerable populations, like the sick and the elderly.

Sare does not have a clear stance on reproductive rights. Instead, the LaRouche party favors focusing on other issues, like implementing nuclear fusion energy as well as building electric rails that can connect the entire U.S.



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MARC MOLINARO

Molinaro's campaign website said his main focus for the economy is to reduce inflation and the cost of living. If re-elected, he plans to lower inflation by adjusting parts of the federal individual tax code and reducing the tax burden by limiting discretionary spending.

As county executive for Dutchess County, Molinaro helped open a 24/7 crisis stabilization center that offers a single point of service for walk-in patients to access mental health assessments and supervised outpatient withdrawal services.

If re-elected, Molinaro will support innovation in the country's energy sector through grants from the Department of Energy's National Labs and "supporting a mixed portfolio of energy sources" like wind, solar, nuclear, hydro and geothermal.



JOSH RILEY

Riley's campaign website said that if he is elected to Congress, he will work to lower costs by supporting policies that crack down on price gouging to prevent corporations from profiting from artificially-increased prices and cap the cost of prescription.

Riley said that when he visits college campuses, the issue he hears about the most is reproductive freedom and that when he gets to Congress, he will sponsor the Women's Health Protection Act, an act that creates federal protections for abortion.

If elected, Riley said he will support policies that ensure clean drinking water by updating the Safe Drinking Water Act, ending reliance on fossil fuels and creating jobs for building domestic products needed to fight climate change.

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LEA WEBB

Webb's campaign site said she helped pass \$350 million for the Refundable Child Tax Credit in the NYS budget. She said she delivered \$150,000 for workforce development initiatives with the Broome, Cortland and Tompkins County Chambers of Commerce.

Webb said she helped eliminate copays for insulin in New York. Her campaign site said she passed medical debt reforms that protect people from denial of care. She said she is committed to protecting access to reproductive and maternal health care.

Webb voted in favor of the Equal Rights Amendment in the New York Senate. "When New Yorkers go to the polls to vote this coming November, they will have the opportunity to protect the right to abortion," Webb said via email.



MIKE SIGLER

Sigler's campaign site said he has experience making job creation easier through his role on the Industrial Development Agency in Tompkins County. He said he prioritizes giving funds to local governments, citing that the state withholds federal aid for Medicaid.

Sigler said he wants to provide resources to fight opioid addiction, suggesting putting a detox center in every county. His campaign site said he would like to see the state put forward bills that would fully cover cancer treatment in the New York state budget.

Sigler said he sees Prop 1 as a "Trojan horse" that uses abortion protections to pass protections on gender identity and gender expression. "They've attached a bunch of other things to it, like allowing boys into girls sports," Sigler said.



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ANNA KELLES

Kelles has sponsored legislation that provides matching grants to small businesses under the small business innovation research program. She has also sponsored a tax credit for small businesses employing a person who has previously been convicted of a crime.

Kelles has sponsored legislation that requires training for teachers, administrators and instructors in mental health response. She has also sponsored legislation that prohibits improper treatments of incarcerated individuals from health care professionals.

Kelles supports preservation and restoration. According to her website, Kelles has sponsored legislation that "authorizes the DOEC to ... add to the lists of prohibited and regulated invasive species on an emergency basis."



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