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Research Essay

### Cover Letter

In my essay, addressing topics such as the meaning behind words carry weight was crucial. In politics, very often, this weight could go unnoticed, but is still important. As part of my cover letter, I have shown that my essay showed value in politically aware topics, topics that present bias between political candidates, and topics that show that the importance of roles are addressed.

My audience is people with political insight seeking awareness. In my essay, I described how one's political points during polarization "deserve equal acknowledgement"(4). This would show how my language was understanding of political ideals that the reader may have. This would be important to many political voters with strong political beliefs which can still be held while reading my essay. I included in my evidence a reflection of one political candidate on another's perspective. This showed an understanding of the audience's own point of view with respect to another political party. Therefore this showed that my essay is informed to consider both points of view in politics.

Purpose, and author, as developed in my precis, showed an argumentative style, so I gained insight into how a small mistake could be detrimental. As part of my precis, before my paragraph on Donald Trump, I addressed that the purpose of this article about him was to inform awareness about invalid conclusions (Mizelle). By following a precis, I kept this in mind and realized that an invalid point point can cause a chain reaction in examples such as the news. An

insight I gained from this is that words can build upon each other very fast. From my Precis, with knowledge that the author of this article was an editor in Times, she would most likely have to address this point carefully since they already made a mistake(Mizelle). This double take in the news would encourage them to eliminate any bias. This would go to show that by using my precis for this article, I have better understood the role of correcting negative chain reactions in the news is encouraged by correcting and eliminating bias from articles in the past. This gave me another insight into how a precis could help me form an argument.

In my essay, I tried to, “Compose texts that integrate a stance with appropriate sources, using strategies such as summary, analysis, synthesis, and argumentation” as seen by my analysis and partial synthesis from a tweet from Hillary Clinton and a poem by Langston Hughes. In Langston Hughes’ poem, I analyzed: “Langston Hughes demanded that he should be equally considered compared to his teacher on the basis that they are similar as people” (Langston Hughes). This showed the author’s purpose was to show that a varied opinion is still important no matter who they are from or the time they were in. I also noted that, “Hillary Clinton established her role is important as a former runner-up for president to an authority like Trump, Langston Hughes believes his ideas are just as appropriate to the teacher” (Abramson). This analysis into who the author of this tweet posed by Hillary Clinton shows that Donald Trump should acknowledge, despite Donald Trump being her superior, her perspective as well. Seeing how important Donald Trump’s position was, and Langston Hughes’ argument, I was able to compare both ideas and form a conclusion, like in a synthesis, that acknowledgement implicitly of other people’s roles even in writing was crucial.

This essay has shown the value of correcting bias, being aware politically of both sides, and the roles of candidates. This demonstrated that now it is important to validate one's opinion politically through awareness, understanding roles, and correcting negative chain reactions.

### Expressing Politics Accordingly

There was an importance of accepting politics for a person who was learning to express themselves as an individual in a dominant society. This is of necessity in society when there are different political ideals arranged per age through education and are often contradicted through decisions. It is important for these growing and educated people, as my audience, to be regulated by different political opinions of each other through respect. Authorities in society and politics must then enforce this by setting standards for valuing opinions towards people with different political parties from Democrat or Republicans.

In America, many political parties were polarized completely which caused them to view each other unequally. Shanto and Iyengar, published in the Annual review of Political Science a review called, "The Origins and Consequences of Affective Polarization in the United States" (2019) that demonstrated differences politically (Shanto 1). The context is to evaluate how separate political parties are compared to how they really are in terms of goals (Shanto 1). The intended audience is people interested in researching relationships between political parties (Shanto 1). The purpose of this article was to evaluate the effect of the relation the parties have to each other (Shanto 1). Shanto comments that while sorting into political parties, "misconceptions about opposing partisans (of Democrats and Republicans have a tendency of) being more acute" (Shanto 6). Due to a political divide based on social identity, many political parties became further distant from each other which caused a divide on a comparable understanding of each other and are therefore more polarized negatively. Iyengar described, "that Americans have

become increasingly averse to the prospect of their child marrying someone from the opposing party” (Shanto 4). Their decisions daily are even influenced by their party. This shows that bias, even negative misconceptions, prompted irrational judgment, and therefore overlooks other traits inherent in that person.

In an effort to rely on the teacher’s awareness, another example of the importance of being valued justly, for the right reasons, is when Langston Hughes found that his teacher’s importance was inline with himself. Langston Hughes published in the Common Ground Magazine a poem called “Theme for English B” (in 1951) (Hughes) hoping that his teacher would treat him properly. The context of this was a professor assigning Langston Hughes this assignment (Hughes). His apparent purpose was to ascertain ideals between a professor and a student to an audience of people focused to encompass subjective help (Hughes). Langston Hughes described “[s]ometimes perhaps you don’t want to be a part of me” and likewise Langston Hughes has the same wants about his professor (Hughes). Langston Hughes describes he does not want the teacher to assume his writing technique will be similar in quality but yet different to his professor’s. Langston Hughes acknowledged that, “But we are (similar), that’s true!” (Hughes). Langston Hughes demanded that he is equally considered compared to his teacher on the basis that they are similar as people, and deserve equal acknowledgement for good quality ideas compared to other students and his teacher’s interpretation.

Donald Trump faced controversy from his previous opposing political party. Alana Abramson elaborated that Donald Trump was falsely accused in a news article from Times called “It’s a Disgrace” (in 2017) on Democratic reactions to idealistic party leaders (Abramson). The intended audience is people looking to establish awareness of information that is presented by the political parties (Abramson). The purpose of the author is to establish that one may be

inclined to report information based on generalizations (Abramson). Donald Trump commented, “[w]ell, I think it’s very sad what they’ve done with this fake dossier” on himself (Abramson). Donald Trump denied any ties to this document. This expanded denial included the Democrats changing their mind and acknowledging Donald Trump now as a conservative president. On a reporter’s question, Donald Trump responded, “[w]ell, I think the press makes me more uncivil than I am” (Abramson). Donald Trump commented that the press can get carried away due to interpretation and filling in the gaps of knowledge with possibly false information and reports that could be damaging to a president's ego. Due to missing important information, the press would have had to add more information whether faulty or not, to have a complete story, which could have been terrible with faulty information. So as to not dismiss anyone politically, corresponding language was shown as a key importance.

Sarah Kuta distinguishes developing politics over time in a published news article in the Chicago Booth Review (in 2020) called, “There Are Two Americas, And Age is the Divider”(Kuta) that distinguished developing politics over time. While describing, to people addressing political dominance, Sarah Kuta describes how politics develops with age(Kuta). Her purpose is to reveal society’s political trends have correlation and basis in our age(Kuta). Kuta described how adults tend to become conservative over time (Kuta). This would mean that generally there were more parents that are conservative on average in the United States than young adults. I find sympathy with people in this position, since young adults want their consideration on politics to be just as important as their parent counterpart. Since people tend to move from democrat to conservative, it is important for both sides to be understood comparatively, and with due respect to get a full understanding of why one should move, if at all. This is beneficial in the third paragraph because Donald Trump’s investigation provided

consideration to allow the proper facts to be known, and therefore correct assertions instead of biases to be made in the news, which would have made the shift from Democrat to Republican for the right reason.

Similarly to Donald Trump, in several years, Hillary Clinton commented on differences in political attitudes compared to her previous opposing political party. The intended audience is people asserting principles a president should have after a president leaves office (Mizelle). Shwana Mizelle, an editor in the CNN, published in a news article called “Hillary Clinton Jabs at Trump's Record-keeping Controversy” which alluded that Hillary Clinton properly referred to Donald Trump’s lack of responsibility toward other people’s information through twitter (Mizelle). Her apparent purpose is to reveal her own ability to deal with the same information in order to give proper reflexive status to Hillary Clinton (Mizelle). Hillary Clinton tweeted: “Just in time for Valentine's Day, and the news that Trump was flushing documents down White House toilets...” (Mizelle). Hillary Clinton implied that the juxtaposition between documents and toilets expressed the importance of White House documents being treated to the highest class. Hillary Clinton specifically includes the “White House” to insist that her opinion should be taken for sure, since Donald Trump’s actions still play a part in the government. Compared to how Donald Trump believed he reached expectations as president, Hillary Clinton believed that Donald Trump, now as a former president did not. Similar to how Hillary Clinton established her role as a former runner-up for president to an authority like Trump, Langston Hughes believes his ideas are just as appropriate to the teacher.

Furthermore, as Hillary Clinton implied, the need to stay informed and keep people informed of politics is important especially through education. Bradley Highfield, a publisher in the CCNY Library published a thesis called, “A Lasting Impression: Higher Education’s Effects

on Mass Polarization in the US” (2021) which asserted that politically dominant people stem from people with a high education (Highfield). Through sociology, psychology, Highfield shows a correlation between education and polarization (Highfield). The author’s purpose is to establish a need to be educated to express oneself politically (Highfield). Highfield’s audience is people trying to fit in politically and understanding why (Highfield). Highfield highlights that, “college education increases an individual’s understanding of politics, public policy, and the role of a citizen in a democratic government” (Highfield 19). Students understood the political arena more to increase their ability to function in society, such as voting. Bradley continues that the, “ability to discuss differing viewpoints, and the crystallization of their own values and political ideologies, all enhance a college graduate’s positive relationship to political outcomes” (Highfield 20). Students engaged in school understand the importance of their own perspective relative to other perspectives. This encouraged them to maintain their own understanding consistently.

Growing up in society amidst people of political differences required awareness through consideration and hindsight towards counter-topics. This was seen where these qualities were used so that vast political differences were triumphed by Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump for the general public and their ideals, as well as by Langston Hughes and his professor because even in politics compared to Langston Hughes, rash judgements can be made from unrelated bias. Therefore to be respected in politics when switching sides, one must be knowledgeable through avenues like hindsight and consideration, so as to not get not just into bias that is irrational, but also the issue at hand.

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