Student Opinions

I would probably vote for Trump. I know that there was a bill that Democrats were trying to pass to spend tax money on buying illegal immigrants their first houses. Luckily it wasn't passed, but just knowing that they'd want to spend our money on illegal immigrants instead of actually helping the Americans inside America right now is kind of concerning and not something that I would want to support.

Isaac Cheung (10)

I'm leaning towards Kamala because I don't stand for what Donald Trump said in his election. I generally align more Republican, but I believe Donald Trump's beliefs are too radical, especially toward immigration. [Also] some of the stuff he said about Hurricane Helene recently, he wasn't acknowledging the victims.

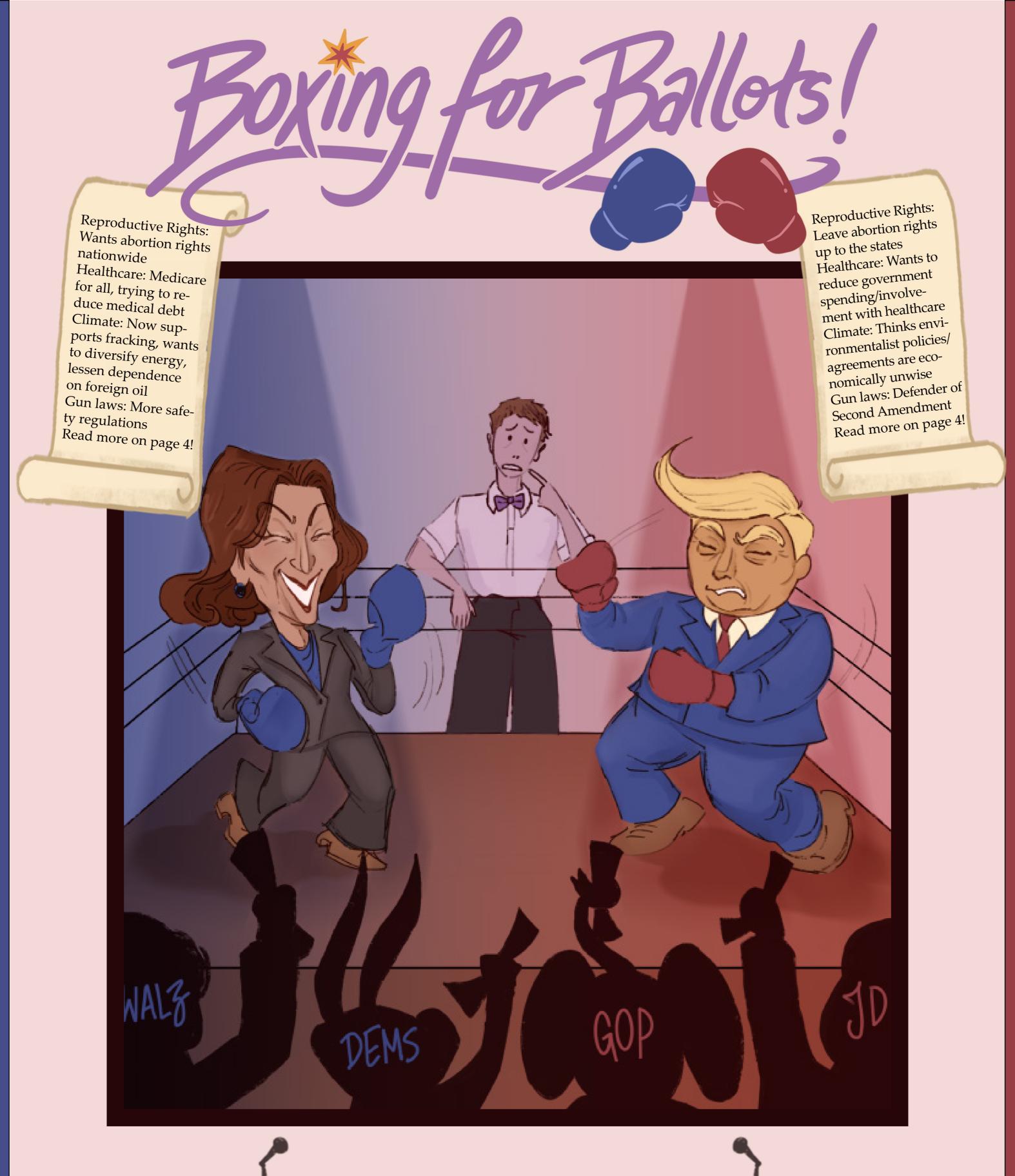
Derek Chan-Wittry (11)

I feel like Donald trump is not a good person... [he] has a very strong campaign [where] people trust him almost blindly... It seems crazy to me that [abortion] has somehow gone from being legal in the '70s to now being illegal in many states... I would also say LGBTQ rights are [being] slashed, which I think is horrible.

Charlie Birkelund (12)

"I would support Jill Stein from the Green Party... I am sick and tired [of] the two-party system and how they've failed to listen to the people about issues ... They continue to fund billions [of dollars] into Israel to commit genocide ... they both refuse to have a climate emergency plan or ban fracking ... I see the Green Party and I see a really authentic party."

Andrea Lazo-Cruz (12)



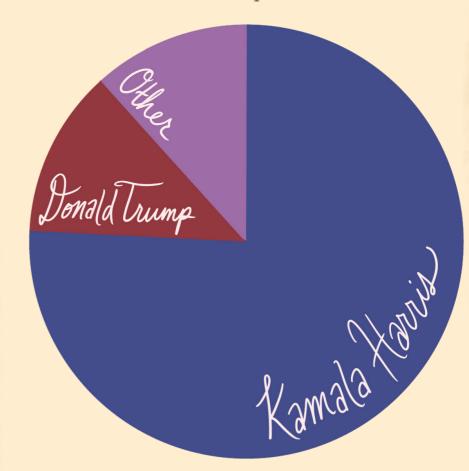
Kamala Harris, Oakland-born daughter to an Indian mother and a Jamaican father, first ran for president in 2020. Her punitive attitude towards crime in her prior positions as Attorney General and District Attorney made Harris unpopular until becoming Biden's running mate, which led her to her current position as vice president. Kamala is well-liked for her progressive viewpoints and calm, collected persona, but she's also criticized for her flimsy policy and inaction as border czar and vice president.

Donald Trump is a New York-native billionaire businessman, ex-reality TV star and former president from 2016-2020. After losing reelection, Trump falsely claimed that Biden's win was fraudulent, inciting an attack on the Capitol. A polarizing figure, Trump is popular with some for his personality, his firmness with illegal immigration and focus on lowering the cost of living. However, he's also controversial because of his felony status, his election denial and checkered personal life.

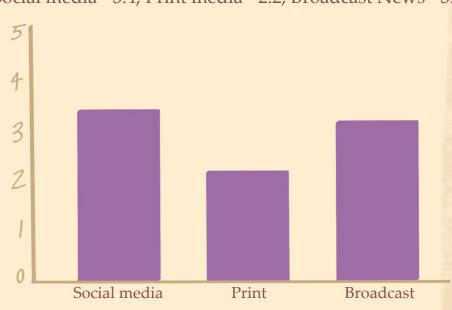
Aragon's Data

We asked Aragon students about their thoughts on the election. Here's what 335 respondents said.

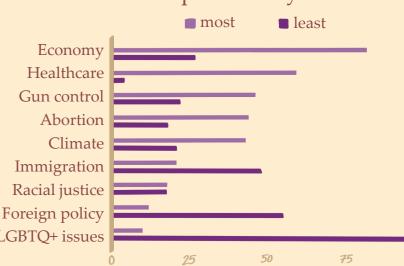
What candidate do you support? Harris - 75.8%, Trump 12.5%, Other 11.7%



Where do you get your news from? (1-5: 1 being least often, 5 being most often)
Social media - 3.4, Print media - 2.2, Broadcast News - 3.1



Which issues are most and least important to you?



The student body of Aragon High School is far more Democratic than the United States at large. According to the Pew Research Center, 49% of registered voters are Democrats while 48% are Republican. In contrast, 73.1% of 335 respondents at Aragon High School generally aligns with the Democratic Party, while only 12.2% aligns with the GOP, leaving the rest as either undecided or a part of minority parties. Similarly, 75.8% of Aragon students surveyed would vote for Kamala Harris compared to 12.5% for Donald Trump. The remaining 11.7% are either undecided or mentioned names such as Joe Biden, Bernie Sanders, Jill Stein, Cornel West and some even suggested Barack Obama if he were eligible to run. When asked where students get their news, their responses were similar to the average American citizen, prioritizing social media and TV broadcasts over print media. Aragon students cite the economy, healthcare and gun control as the 3 most important issues to them in the upcoming election.

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