Staff Editorial:

**Breaking Stereotypes**

Terrorism (noun) - the unlawful use of violence and intimidation, especially against civilians, in the pursuit of political aims.

According to the dictionary definition, this means that terrorism, as a whole, is not tied to any specific race, religion, orientation, or identity.

In today’s social climate, Muslim-Americans are persecuted more than any other group of people for domestic acts of terror. They are labeled as terrorists simply for wearing a hijab, only because some of the most prevalent terrorist groups are in the Middle East.

In reality, there were double the amount of terrorist attacks in the United States from 2008-2016 by conservative extremists, rather than Islamic ones, according to the Huffington Post.

Terrorism can be perpetrated by any political party, as we have seen before -- the Islamic State claimed the October terrorist attack in New York City that killed eight people, while white supremacists have claimed August’s Charlottesville, Va. attack that killed 38-year-old Heather Heyer.

Here at The Hyphen, we think it’s vital to our society to understand that this perception is not true. Not all terrorist attacks are done by people of the same skin color, religion, race, etc.

Acts against humanity like these are something incredibly detrimental to our society, and are not to be the punchline of a joke.

Terrorism can be perpetrated by anyone, and it is dangerous to think otherwise.

In a school of over 2,000 students, we have a large diversity of creeds and races. These dangerous stereotypes create an unsafe environment for social growth and learning, and should not be in a school setting.

The Hyphen prides itself on being a place of inclusivity and equality. Everyone has equal opportunities no matter the stereotypes that might surround one’s identity.

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**Former Presidents:**

**Barack Obama** was the 44th president of the United States. He was responsible for improving international relations with Cuba, but he also inherited economic crisis.

Since returning back to a sense of normalcy after the presidency and among the general populace, he’s performing his duties as a citizen and resident of his community in a Washington D.C. neighborhood. The Obama Presidential Center is planned to be designed and constructed soon and completed in 2021.

**George H.W. Bush** was the 41st president and a former naval aviator. He brought conventional American values to the White House, and was proficient in commencing several successful military attacks and foreign policy initiatives.

After the presidency, he returned to Houston, Texas, where he and his family reclaimed their denizen lives. But even though he is a retired president, that didn’t keep him away for politics, as his son took office in the later years.

Bush was resolute on perpetuating his name and he achieved just that through his presidential library.

**George W. Bush** was the 43rd president and eldest son of George H. W. Bush. He entered the office the same year that the terrorist attacks transpired in the New York (2001).

After two terms, he returned to Midland, Texas and reclaimed his civilian life at Prairie Chapel Ranch. He kept a relatively low profile and took up many hobbies, some of which include reading and painting. Pieces of his work gathered national acclaim, and a few works are displayed in the presidential library.

To solidify his legacy, he opened the George W. Bush Presidential Center in Dallas which promotes global health, economic growth, and women’s initiatives.

**Bill Clinton** was the 42nd president, and while he was in office, America experienced an epoch of accord and prosperity. Over the course of his two terms, he approved acts and bills pertaining to education, gun violence, and welfare.

Following his office time, he continued on with public life and established the William J. Clinton Foundation to help fight poverty, disease, and other issues. He remained in the political sphere after aiding his wife, Hillary, in running her presidential campaigns.

**Jimmy Carter** was the 39th president, and has since overcome the challenging obstacle of brain cancer.

While in the White House, he emphasized the priority of retaining close ties to foreign nations, and he continues to value that ideology. In post-presidency, the 93-year-old, who is a staunch believer in foreign connections, would like to enter a partnership with Donald Trump. He endeavors to involve himself in the North Korean affairs because though time changes one, sometimes time cannot touch one’s fervent beliefs.

He established the nonprofit Carter Presidential Center in 1982 to accomplish philanthropic work. Carter, along with the other four former presidents, worked with hurricane relief organizations to assist the victims of Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma.

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Former Candidates:

The former United States Secretary of State, **Hillary Clinton**, has since released a book titled “What Happened” in 2017. After the election, she and her husband attended Donald Trump’s inauguration, but announced that she does not plan on running again in the 2020 elections.

**Bernie Sanders** is the current United States Senator from Vermont and has served since 2007, leaving him to be the longest-serving independent in congressional history. He continues to fight for his unwavering beliefs through launching “Our Revolution” which is an organization set on reclaiming democracy for the working class and transforming American politics to better benefit the working family. He plans on running again in the 2020 elections, because he believes he has earned the right to run again.

**Gary Johnson** was the Governor of New Mexico from 1995 to 2003 as a member of the Republican Party. But he was the Libertarian Party nominee in both the 2012 and 2016 elections. During the midst of it all, he earned the greatest sum of votes for any third-party candidate since the 1990s, as well as the most votes in the history of the Libertarian Party. He renounced traditional campaign events, and since has chosen to regularly appear on news programs and online to his supporters. Johnson has pronounced that he does not intend on running again in 2020.

**Jill Stein** was the Green Party’s nominee for president in both the 2012 and 2016 elections. She is an American physician, activist, and politician. After the election, many Democrats accused her of aiding Trump during the election period, and for the close ties she may, or may not, hold with Russia. Stein hasn’t confirmed her running for re-election in 2020, but stated that she plans on taking it into heavy consideration.

**Marco Rubio** is a second-term United States Senator from Florida, and a former Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives. He endorsed Trump continuously throughout the election, and being one of the youngest candidates to run, has been considering taking a role in Trump’s campaign.

**Ted Cruz** ran for president in the 2016 Election. He is currently a Senator for Texas, and plans to run for re-election in the Senate in 2018. He is the 34th U.S. Senator for Texas. He graduated from Princeton University and Harvard Law School. He and his wife, Heidi, live in Houston with their two daughters, Catherine and Caroline. And expect to see Cruz’s name reappear in the 2020 presidential elections, because his campaign is already in the works.