

Student article: A visitor from outer space challenges our view of democracy

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And now from a small galaxy far far away on a small planet of the Alpha Centauri system... Professor Goud Ranrag made his grand entrance into an almost full lecture hall.

Dressed as Abraham Lincoln — a very convincing costume, I might add — he approached students in the crowd, giving out voter registration cards with the promises to give the vote to African-Americans as well as women in the near future. September 17 is recognized as Constitution Day, the day the United States adopted and signed the Constitution. What better way to celebrate this day then listen to someone of the Alpha Centauri Federation disguised as Abraham Lincoln, talk about the destruction of American Democracy in 2065?



With an eccentric and passionate approach, Professor Ranrag pointed out the flaws the American system of government had from the very beginning, how they developed into the present, and continued into 2065. Our behavior as a nation, according to this extraterrestrial observer, led to the destruction of democracy as we know it.

His approach of being from another world made his lecture very unbiased as well as entertaining, and the audience burst into applause and giggles throughout his speech. Professor Ranrag successfully challenged our youth, opened our eyes to our new way of doing things and how they're flawed, and touched upon very current political hot topics.

Commenting on the current wage gap between men and women, he noted that putting a woman on currency isn't the issue; rather, it's closing the wage gap between the sexes. His other asides also kept the audience engaged: "Our founding fathers, jeez where were those mothers?" and referring to slavery as "the 800lb gorilla in the room."

While his lecture left many people satisfied with the information discussed, he left us with many thought-provoking questions and ideas. He stated that our Constitution can and will change, and that we are giving way to a new world order and always tweaking our government. He stressed the importance of youth staying engaged in democracy, instead of this new trend we've been following of abandoning it.

Professor Ranrag leaves us with the very real and true idea that our vote counts and we must be active in order for our country to continue to progress. I thank the Alpha Centauri Federation for bringing light to what could be our future and giving us the information we need to change it. Live long and prosper!

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