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## Is political self-censorship on the rise?

By JOSH CARTER

A number of recent nationwide surveys suggest political self-censorship may be on the rise in America, particularly among young adults.

Data from a July 2020 survey from the libertarian Cato Institute showed 62% of Americans say the current political climate prevents them from sharing their views in fear of causing offense, up from 58% in 2017. Additionally, 37% of responders under 30 admitted they were worried their political opinions could hurt their career paths, compared to 30% of 30-54 year-olds and 24% of 55-64 year-olds.

Similarly, a fall 2019 Heterodox Academy survey found 55% of college students in the United States are reluctant to share political views with their peers.

With the 2020 presidential election, some BYU students acknowledged their hesitancy to share political views and attributed it to a variety of fears, including confrontation, losing friends and “cancel culture.”

In a social media survey on The Daily Universe Instagram account, 51% of responders said they do not generally feel comfortable sharing political opinions while 22% said it depends on the situation. Just 27% of responders noted their willingness to express political views regardless of the circumstance.

One student admitted they generally feel comfortable talking politics in one-on-one conversations, but “over social media or in public, heck no.” Another student said they also choose to steer clear of addressing political topics on social media because “people are much more tactless behind a screen.”

One student responder said “it seems when you share them people view it as an attack on their views and get upset.” While another said, “people are incredibly rude if you have an opinion different than theirs.”

Malia Vick, a freshman from Fayetteville, Georgia, acknowledged her willingness to share political opinions “depends on how intense people are.”

“I won’t deny my beliefs,” Vick said. “But some people just want to fight.”

BYU political science professor Lisa Argyle, who is currently doing research on political self-censorship, has found talking politics can bring a



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Crews begin construction on a stage for January’s presidential inauguration in front of the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. Many students have shied away from sharing political opinions in this election cycle. Scan this image with the **Universe Plus** app to read a Spanish translation of the story.

high level of anxiety to some.

“Political conversations can create tension, confrontation, put you on the spot for things you are not very confident about or challenge your view of yourself and the world,” Argyle said. “All of these things create what psychologists call ‘self-threat,’ which manifests as anxiety. The easiest way to avoid the discomfort and anxiety is to not talk politics at all.”

Fellow BYU political science professor Ethan Busby agreed with Argyle, noting that many people want to avoid the tense conflict that can come from political discussions. Busby pointed to uncomfortable family gatherings, workplaces and certain marriages as common settings where political self-censorship can take place.

With regard to younger, college-aged adults, Busby feels some might be hesitant to talk politics

because they think they don’t know as much or haven’t been involved in politics for very long.

“It could also be that younger people feel that they’re generally less-established and have more to lose from controversy and disagreement,” Busby said.

Jeremy Pope, another BYU political science professor, noted some college-aged adults might refrain from talking politics to appear more socially acceptable. He also acknowledged some can be nervous about how an authority figure might react to their political opinions.

According to Pope, the difficulty in analyzing political self-censorship among young adults is “determining whether or not this behavior is really problematic or just social interaction as it normally unfolds.”

While Argyle noted talking politics can seem threatening to some college

students, she has found that younger people are generally more likely to share political views than older people. She mentioned college can be a formative environment where students are exposed to a wide range of new ideas and beliefs.

“This leads to more political discussion and changing attitudes than people typically have later in their lives,” Argyle said.

Prior to election day, Busby said some people choose to remain silent about politics simply because they are tired of hearing so much about the candidates and issues. He noted election fatigue can be common at the end of any campaign in any election year.

Argyle mentioned political self-censorship has been present in America for several years, no matter who the president is or the prominent national issues at the time. She also expects the behavior to continue

well into the future, regardless of who wins this year’s election.

“It is a natural psychological reaction for people to shift what they are willing to say and how they want to say it based on who they are talking to and the context they are in,” Argyle said. “That is not a new development in the last four years and I think it’s unlikely to go away in the next four years, no matter who wins the election.”

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## President Dallin H. Oaks says Black lives matter, urges all to rely on Christ during challenges

By CASSIDY WIXOM

Combating racism and the Black Lives Matter movement were among the topics stressed in President Dallin H. Oaks’ BYU devotional address.

“Of course Black lives matter. That is an eternal truth all reasonable people should support,” said the first counselor in the First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

While Black lives will always matter, many have used the movement to stand for other things that don’t “command universal support,” President Oaks said, such as abolishing police or making constitutional government changes. He said these things are appropriate to discuss and seek for, but not under “what we hope to be a universally accepted message: Black lives matter.”

President Oaks brought up many examples of recent racist events that have occurred around the world. He said that within the last century there has been the Holocaust, ethnic cleansing, genocide, discrimination in employment or education and many others. He specifically mentioned the tragic death of George Floyd and its impact on the Black Lives Matter movement.

President Oaks told the socially distanced audience in the Marriott Center that the current political climate heightens strong feelings and anger toward the recent push for racial equality. Inspiration, education and clear thinking are three helps he mentioned that will allow people to better understand and find solutions for racism.

“We must have clear thinking about



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President Dallin H. Oaks gives his address to a socially distanced audience at the BYU devotional. He spoke on racism and relying on Christ to overcome challenges.

how current events should be analyzed and acted upon in view of this nation’s shameful history of Black slavery,” he said. President Oaks emphasized the importance of using reason as people deal with racist and complicated conflicts.

Diving further into the topic of racism, President Oaks discussed how many view modern and ancient scriptures as racist. He asserted that with a proper understanding of scriptures and modern revelation, it is clear that there is no room for racism in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

President Oaks quoted many of President Russell M. Nelson’s

teachings from the past two years that say God does not love one race more than another and racism is not to be tolerated or allowed in the Church. He urged all to follow President Nelson’s plea to root out racism.

“Only the gospel of Jesus Christ can unite and bring peace to races of all nations. We must unite in love with each other and our Savior, Jesus Christ,” he said.

In context of discussing those who wish to tear down statues or erase much of history, President Oaks shared a story of Winston Churchill who warned of the evils of Nazi Germany. After many tragedies came to pass,

his colleagues wanted to punish those who did not listen to Churchill’s initial warnings.

President Oaks quoted Churchill who responded saying “Of this I am quite sure, that if we open a quarrel between the past and the present, we shall find that we have lost the future.” In paraphrasing Churchill’s thoughts, President Oaks made a plea: “Let us not open a quarrel between the past and the present, lest we jeopardize our attempts to improve our future.”

President Oaks said he hopes members of the Church can push forward in trying to improve society and love one another. He said there are things to be

learned and remembered from the past while still hoping to change things for the better.

“Ours is the duty to unite and improve the future we will share,” he said.

President Oaks also addressed many other challenges students face today and said Christ is the answer to finding peace. He said increasing love for others can help ease hardships during this time when the pandemic causes disappointment and grief, anxiety levels increase, and hateful racist experiences occur around the world.

“Please do your part in what is required in these unusual circumstances. And remember that some of the burdensome restrictions, including even the wearing of masks, are not only for your immediate protection but also for the well-being of those around you,” President Oaks said.

“I remind you that the love of God for his children and the love of His Son, the Savior, are incomprehensible,” he said.

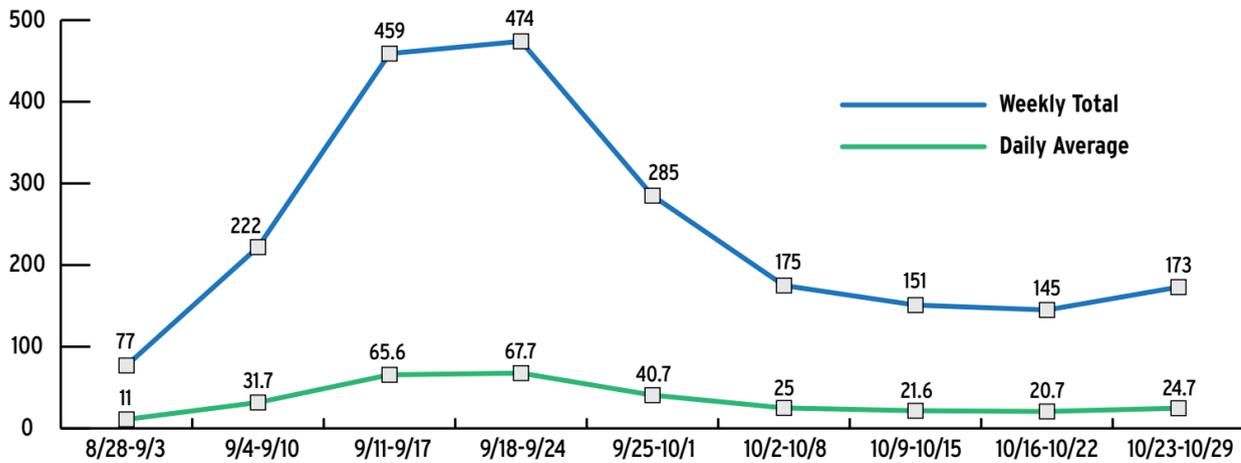
President Oaks also urged viewers to be kind to others during the tension-filled election season. “I urge you to treat others with civility and respect and to vote!”

For dealing with anxiety, President Oaks said listeners can trust in Christ’s promises of peace if they have faith in Jesus Christ. “Instead of being swept along in the anxiety that is characteristic of your generation, rely on the assurances of a loving Heavenly Father,” he said.

This devotional was the first one to be given to a public, in-person audience since March 2020. Students and faculty in attendance were selected through a random drawing sent out prior to the devotional to ensure social distancing and limit the audience amount.

# COVID-19 OUTBREAK

## Confirmed BYU coronavirus cases



Weekly total cases and daily average reported at BYU from a variety of sources including random testing, self-reporting, the BYU Student Health Center, the Healthy Together app and focused, risk-based testing. Allie Peterson

## Outside the outbreak

From the Associated Press



### Government agencies fall short of fire protection goals

Nearly two years ago, President Donald Trump stood amid the smoky ruins of Paradise, California, where he blamed the deadliest wildfire in the state's history on poor forest management. He ordered the U.S. Forest Service and the Department of Interior to make federal lands less susceptible to catastrophic wildfires. But while Trump has accused California of doing a "terrible job" of forest protection, his own agencies fell short of his goals for federal lands in 2019. They treated a combined 6,736 square miles — just over half of the 13,203 square miles the president sought.



### Belarus president opposes strikes, ignores demands

Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko urged authorities Oct. 27 to take action against plant workers and students who participate in a strike called by the opposition as the authoritarian leader made another attempt to halt protests of his reelection. University students left classes to march in rallies and some factory employees went on strike Oct. 26 after Lukashenko ignored an opposition demand to resign following the balloting that was widely viewed as rigged. Nearly 600 people were detained in the capital of Minsk and other cities.



### Number of international students in U.S. on decline

America was considered the premier destination for international students. Yet, 2016 marked the start of a steep decline of new enrollees, something expected to continue with fresh rules limiting student visas, competition from other countries and a haphazard coronavirus response. The effect on the workforce will be considerable, experts predict, no matter the outcome of November's election. For colleges that fear dwindling tuition and companies that worry about losing talent, the broader impact is harder to quantify: America seemingly losing its luster on a global stage.



### Opposition rises against Facebook micro-targeting ads

Academics, journalists and First Amendment lawyers are rallying behind New York University researchers in a showdown with Facebook over its demand that they halt the collection of data showing who is being micro-targeted by political ads on the world's dominant social media platform. In an Oct. 16 letter to the researchers, a Facebook executive demanded they disable a special plug-in for Chrome and Firefox browsers used by 6,500 volunteers across the United States and delete the data obtained.

## Families, day cares feel strain of new COVID-19 health rules

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SEATTLE, Washington — As more families make the jump back to group day care this fall in an attempt to restart lives and careers, many parents, pediatricians and care operators are finding that new, pandemic-driven rules offer a much-needed layer of safety but also seem incompatible with the germier reality of childhood. They stem largely from coronavirus guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention lowering the fever threshold, disqualifying even a single bout of diarrhea or vomiting and making sniffles suspect

in group settings. But the guidelines don't take into account that young children are prone to catching the common viral infections that help build up their immune systems, or that seasonal allergies, crying, even teething and normal playground exertion can prompt a COVID-19-like symptom. And the price parents and kids pay for such symptoms, which could easily signal either a happy, healthy toddler, or a lurking case of the disease that has now killed more than 230,000 people in the U.S., is now a dayslong disruption. Medical experts acknowledge the lines are blurry for kids with symptoms.

## Fear and anxiety spike in virus hot spots across U.S.

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As President Donald Trump barnstorms the swing states, often downplaying the coronavirus pandemic before largely unmasked crowds, the nation continues to lurch toward what his opponent Joe Biden, citing health experts, warned will be a "dark winter" of disease and death. White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows told CNN on Oct. 25 that "we're not going to control the pandemic." Asked why, he said it's "because it is a contagious virus just like the flu." About half of U.S. states have seen their highest daily

infection numbers so far at some point in October, and the country as a whole came very close to back-to-back record daily infection rates on Oct. 23 and 24. Data from Johns Hopkins University shows that 83,718 new cases were reported Oct. 24, just shy of the 83,757 infections reported Oct. 23. Before that, the most cases reported in the United States on a single day had been 77,362, on July 16. The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington, which federal health officials have used as a source for their pandemic projections, currently forecasts that the U.S. COVID-19 death toll could exceed 318,000 by Jan. 1.

## MLB says Turner violated protocols when he returned to the field

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ARLINGTON, Texas — Justin Turner violated coronavirus protocols when he celebrated with his Los Angeles Dodgers teammates and he refused instructions from security to leave the field, behavior that Major League Baseball said risked the safety of others. The commissioner's office said Wednesday it is starting a full investigation of the 35-year-old third baseman. The Dodgers won their first World Series championship since 1988 on Oct. 27. Turner was pulled from the game following the seventh inning after MLB was notified

that he had tested positive for COVID-19. Turner later returned to the field with a mask to celebrate the Dodgers' title. He then took down his mask and posed for a team photo on the field. "Immediately upon receiving notice from the laboratory of a positive test, protocols were triggered, leading to the removal of Justin Turner from last night's game," MLB said in a statement Wednesday. "Turner was placed into isolation for the safety of those around him. However, following the Dodgers' victory, it is clear that Turner chose to disregard the agreed-upon joint protocols and the instructions he was given regarding the safety and protection of others."

## On pandemic 'learning loss,' schools look forward, not back

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NEWARK, New Jersey — A complete picture has yet to emerge of how much learning was lost by students during the pandemic. Most states aren't requiring all districts to administer uniform tests to measure students' slippage. Rather, districts generally are using the tests they give each fall to guide instruction for the school year and, in many cases, also assessing students' mental health and well-being — an approach favored by many experts and educators who say a rush to quantify learning loss could demoralize students and teachers.

But as many schools continue distance learning or brace for more virus-related closures that could further slow progress, the patchwork approach to testing this fall worries some advocates and policymakers who say it's difficult to plan academic recovery this year without consistent data across districts and states. Using data from past school closures, researchers have estimated some students might have lost several months to a year's worth of academic growth after school buildings around the country closed last March. Some policymakers say data is needed urgently to support districts with the largest gaps or plan more drastic statewide responses, such as extending the school year.

## 'So frustrating': Grave mistakes seen in U.S. virus response

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NEW YORK, New York — As a powerful new wave of infections sweeps the U.S. just ahead of Election Day, the nation's handling of the nearly 8-month-old crisis has been marked by what health experts see as grave missteps, wasted time and squandered opportunities by leaders at all levels of government. "The inconsistency of the response is what's been so frustrating," said Dr. Irwin Redlener of the National Center for Disaster Preparedness at Columbia University. Though Redlener sees some of the new wave as inevitable, he estimates at least 130,000 of the nation's more than 227,000 deaths could have been avoided had the country more widely embraced masks and social distancing. Governors in many of the hard-hit states have been under fierce political pressure that has made it difficult to enact the kind of measures public health officials say are necessary to stop the spread of the virus and keep hospitals from being overwhelmed.

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# HIGHLIGHTS FROM BYU COLLEGES

## BYU's COVID 'campus passport' allows for easy workarounds

By SYDNEE GONZALEZ

Students say a lack of enforcement as well as an easy workaround with BYU's COVID-19 passport program render it mostly ineffective.

BYU requires all students and employees to have a green COVID-19 passport on Utah's Healthy Together app to come to campus. If individuals are unable or unwilling to download the Healthy Together app, they can print a paper copy of the passport test or complete one on BYU's website.

In order to obtain a campus passport certifying their ability to be on campus, individuals must report whether they have any symptoms or if they "are worried (they) have COVID-19." Individuals are then asked a series of follow up questions.

If an individual reports any symptoms, says they are worried they have COVID-19, or answers yes to any of the questions, they're not cleared for campus and are given a red passport.

However, if individuals scroll down to the bottom of their passport screen, there's a button that says "reset passport." Pressing this button allows individuals to retake the assessment and gives them the opportunity to change a red passport to a green one.

And that's for the people who actually use the app. In a poll on The Daily Universe's Instagram account about students' experiences with the passport, dozens of students

reported never or rarely filling out a passport. The majority of students who reported filling out the passport daily or regularly said they had never been asked to show it on campus.

Bioinformatics freshman Will Wardinsky said he has been asked to show his passport, but only at the student gym in the Smith Fieldhouse and while picking up a package in Heritage Halls.

"If I hadn't been asked, I'd kind of be questioning BYU's ability to be on top of this situation," Wardinsky said.

Although the passport system increases his comfort level while on campus, he said he worries some students could cheat the system. "There's always a chance that students could be taking the results, just clicking no for everything, even if they do have symptoms, and then continuing to go to class ... but I don't really know how BYU could improve that."

BYU's website states that individuals are required to show a green passport before accessing the certain in-person campus services.

The website also says professors and supervisors are authorized to verify that students and employees have completed their daily check-up. Few students reported being asked by professors to show a green passport, but Hannah Arnold, a freshman from Fruit Heights, Utah, said she's required to do so each time her choir class meets in person.

"The regulations for COVID in the choral program right now are really tight," she said. "But all of my other classes, I

haven't ever had a teacher ask for it."

She expressed concern both that students might not be honest when recording their symptoms, especially if they don't want to miss class, and about the effect a lack of enforcement may have on students.

"Where it's not actually being enforced or required, I don't think most people do it every day," Arnold said. "I don't even remember to do it every day, even though I probably should."

As an athlete, tennis player Xenia de Luna is one of the few students on campus who has to show her passport every day. De Luna said she and other athletes show their passports each morning at the Student-Athlete Nutrition Center before they're allowed to get food as well as before accessing other athlete facilities or receiving treatment for sports injuries. The only other time she's been asked to show her passport was to pick up a package at Heritage Halls.

She raised concerns that some of the symptoms on the passport could be caused by factors other than COVID, such as fatigue or muscle pain, and that when students realize that reporting one of these symptoms results in a red passport, they may retake the passport quiz and change their answers.

"In my case, if I say fatigue because I didn't sleep well, it doesn't mean I necessarily have the virus and then I would change my responses so that I can get my food, you know," de Luna said.

## COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Film student excels at the beginning of successful career



Celene Mitchell

A BYU film student is already on her way to a successful career through collaborations with Disney, BYUtv, and Hallmark. Celene Mitchell, who will graduate with a degree in media arts studies in December, got her big break in fall 2018 when she was hired to work on season three of Disney's "Andi Mack." Next, she continued working with the same crew as an art production assistant for "High School Musical: The Musical: The Series." This job entailed decorating the set, maintaining department communications, managing time cards and calendars, and tracking budgets. Next, Mitchell was hired in her first solo act: art coordinator for BYUtv's "Family Rules." She was also hired as an art coordinator for CVS commercials and two Hallmark films this summer. Mitchell expressed amazement at how far her film career has already gone just staying in Utah and plans to stay here for now. She hopes to someday become a producer.

"I've learned so much from my experiences," she said. "I knew a lot of basics from the media arts studies program, which was fantastic. But there's a lot more in a full production. The biggest thing I've learned is if you're a hard worker and take care of people, you'll land with people who will take care of you. I'm excited to see what the future will bring."

## MARRIOTT SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Student brings women confidence through her swimwear line



Marissa Barlow

A BYU student works to empower women and brings them confidence and comfort through her swimwear company. Marissa Barlow, a junior studying strategic management at the Marriott School of Business, started Nani Swimwear in 2016. As a teenager, Barlow realized there weren't enough swimwear options: she didn't want to wear a bikini or a one-piece and wanted to find something

in the middle.

"I had a need that wasn't being met, and that's what inspired me to start Nani," Barlow said. "Nani's mission is to inspire and empower women, and that mission is still what keeps me going."

Her mom, fellow students, and mentors from the Marriott's Rollins Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology have helped Barlow along her journey. Barlow was a finalist in the 2020 Student Entrepreneur of the Year competition through the Rollins Center and was awarded \$1,500 to help fund Nani.

"Starting a business as a BYU student is the best decision anyone could make because everyone is eager to help," Barlow said. "Many people are scared to start their own businesses because they think they don't know enough, but you just need to be passionate about your idea and just go for it."

## IRA A. FULTON COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Professor receives funding for energy efficiency study



Andrew Fry

The United States Department of Energy has awarded BYU \$5.8 million to be used in coal-based energy research. BYU chemical engineering professor Andrew Fry is leading the study, which focuses on the benefits of creating energy via carbon dioxide brayton cycles. The usual method of using steam in rankine cycles to generate mechanical energy can be made more efficient by using CO2 instead. Instead of losing energy in the steam cycle, Fry's research with CO2 shows the potential for heat loss to be recovered and reused in the power cycle without losing any energy.

"The available amounts of energy in a CO2 cycle are greater than steam, and there's a bigger difference between the top of the cycle and the bottom of the cycle, which allows us to get more energy out of it," Fry said.

BYU is working with Babcock Power, Echogen, Reaction Engineering International and the San Rafael Energy Research Center on this project, bringing together different technological strengths, combustion systems models, and types of expertise. A heat exchanger is being developed to combine a compressor with the CO2 system.



Preston Crawley

Two students dressed up as characters from the TV show Arthur pose on Oct. 30. While Halloween was a little different this year due to the pandemic, many BYU students still showed their holiday spirit on campus this year. Scan the image with the *Universe Plus* app to see some of 2020's Halloween costume highlights.

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**Jamie L. Jensen**

*Associate Professor, BYU Department of Biology*

Dr. Jamie L. Jensen is a discipline-based educational researcher (DBER) in biology. She received a bachelor's degree in animal science from Brigham Young University in 1999, a master's degree in biology with an emphasis in developmental biology and molecular evolution from BYU in 2003, and a doctoral degree in biology with an emphasis in science education from Arizona State University in 2008.

From 2008 to 2010, Dr. Jensen ran educational research and taught at Chandler-Gilbert Community College as a post-doctoral experience. She joined the BYU Biology Department faculty as a DBER in 2010. Her

research foci include (1) the reconciliation of evolution and religion among religious students, (2) the creation of faculty development programs effective at teaching evidence-based instructional practices to STEM faculty, and (3) the development and assessment of undergraduate biology curricula that employ evidenced-based pedagogical strategies to increase student scientific reasoning skills and deep conceptual understanding.

Dr. Jensen teaches both majors and nonmajors biology as well as advanced pedagogy classes as part of the Graduate Teaching Fellows Program at Brigham Young University.

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# How family and religion influence young adult political views

By KENZIE HOLBROOK

Conversations about politics are expected during election season, but where do people's political beliefs come from? Religion and family are two things that BYU students and faculty say have an influence on their political beliefs.

The large majority of BYU students are members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. According to Pew Research Center, in 2014 most members of the Church were Republican or leaned conservative, but there were some Democrats and some who didn't have a political affiliation.

## Family influence

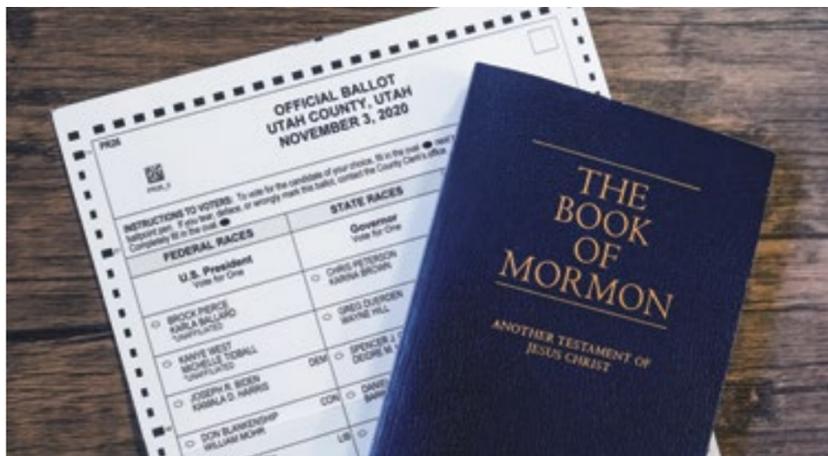
BYU political science professor Jeremy Pope said family influence plays a big part in people's political beliefs.

"The most obvious example is that people's partisanship is clearly very much an inherited legacy from parents," Pope said. "It is not the case that parental partisanship is perfectly determinative, but it is the case that parents matter a lot."

Political science professor Lisa Argyle said family influence has a huge role in political opinions. "Political science research shows that families are typically the 'starting point' for someone's political views," she said. "Then, friends, communities, political events and other life experiences can shift people from that starting point, especially in the young adult years."

Argyle said people's views are most likely to stay close to their parents' views if their parents talked about politics in their home growing up.

BYU student Tayler Ventura said she believes her family has had an influence on her political beliefs, "probably in the sense that I have pretty politically active and aware parents." Ventura and her mom consistently discuss politics, and she said her family has



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Religious backgrounds and political conversations at home likely influence emerging voter's political views.

pretty similar views on issues and candidates.

## Religious influence

Argyle said the relationship between religion and politics is a complicated one. "Some research shows that people actually choose their religious congregations based on their politics," Argyle said. "Other research shows that it's not necessarily the religious doctrine that matters for political views, but our social connection to other people in the congregation. If the congregation is overwhelmingly liberal or conservative, then regular association with those people can have an impact on someone's political views."

Olivia Neeley, a BYU student from Pittsburgh, considers herself a liberal in the Democratic Party. She said her religion has taught her that love is one of the most important things in the world, along with free agency.

"I personally feel as though religion preaches these things but adds in 'ifs' and 'buts,' and I felt that some people in religion believed them," she said. "Religion has played a part in forming my views and has played a larger part in me being more active in politics and sharing my views."

BYU student Megan Jensen considers herself a part of the Republican Party and leans libertarian. She said she thinks religion has greatly influenced her political views. "Freedom of religion is very important to me," she said. "I also sometimes feel my religious values bleed into my political views. However, often it is more opinion-based than religious."

Hans Lehnardt, a BYU student who grew up in Salt Lake City, also said he believes his faith has played a role in his political opinion. Right now, Lehnardt doesn't identify with a political party but plans to vote for Democratic candidates in this year's election.

"I think there are things in both parties that the church lines up with, but I think there's a lot more in the Democratic Party," Lehnardt said. "Democrats are more about helping the poor and the needy and helping refugees and allowing immigrants to come in."

Lehnardt said the Church has given statements saying we should welcome immigrants and refugees. "That's something Donald Trump doesn't love," he said.

BYU student Nathan Hansen from Bartlesville,

Oklahoma identifies as a political conservative and said he believes the Church's teachings on personal accountability have influenced his political views.

## Other impacts

Argyle and Pope agree that sometimes when people leave their parents' house they change their political beliefs, but it's not very common.

"Education can have a liberalizing effect on people's political attitudes," Argyle said. "However, this impact is not enough for most people to completely change parties from what they grew up with."

Pope said when it does happen, it occurs during the college years when people are exposed to new ideas and new ways of thinking. "After that point, partisan identity is relatively set, but can change in response to major life changes or massive public events."

Neeley, a Democrat, grew up in a household where conservative views were pushed, but she never really agreed with her parents' views. "I learned more and did more research and just listened to what I thought was right and am definitely a person with liberal views," she said.

When she moved out of her parents' house, Neeley said she became even more liberal and more comfortable in her mindset and began really being active in politics.

On the flip side, Hansen said when he moved out of his parent's conservative household his views became even

more conservative as he had his own experiences.

Political science professor Kelly Patterson agrees that it can happen but usually doesn't. "You don't change your partisanship while you're in college, you simply bring your partisanship with you to college," he said.

## Police Beat

### BYU

#### PUBLIC PEACE

**Oct. 24** - A complaint was made about a group playing loud music at Helaman Halls.

#### THEFT

**Oct. 26** - University Police are investigating a report of property theft at the Harris Fine Arts Center.

**Oct. 28** - A bike that was locked up was reported stolen from a bike rack at Helaman Halls.

#### SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

**Oct. 24** - A group was observed climbing statues on campus.

#### MISSING PERSON

**Oct. 25** - A student was reported missing at Hinckley Hall but was found after being contacted by phone.

### Provo

#### PUBLIC PEACE

**Oct. 24** - A complaint was made about noise near Miller Park.

#### THEFT

**Oct. 24** - Property theft was reported near 900 North and 1550 West.

**Oct. 24** - Personal items were stolen from a locker at the Provo Recreation Center at 320 W. 500 North.

**Oct. 24** - A bicycle was reported stolen from a residence near 1300 East and 670 North.

**Oct. 25** - Property theft was reported near 1300 South and 1100 West.

**Oct. 25** - Property theft was reported near 200 North on University Avenue.

**Oct. 26** - A bicycle was reported stolen from a parking garage near 1000 North on University Avenue.

**Oct. 26** - Property theft was reported near 400 North and 900 East.

**Oct. 26** - Property theft was reported near 2900 West and 820 North.

**Oct. 26** - A bicycle was reported stolen near 400 North and 400 East.

**Oct. 27** - A woman reported a lost wallet at Rancho Markets at 1700 N. State.

**Oct. 27** - Property theft was reported at a residence near 1300 East and 640 South.

**Oct. 28** - Property theft was reported near 300 East on Center Street.

**Oct. 28** - Property theft was reported near 800 East and 1040 South.

### BURGLARY

**Oct. 26** - Police are investigating a forced entry burglary reported at Hose & Rubber Supply at 230 N. Draper Ln. A safe full of money was reported stolen.

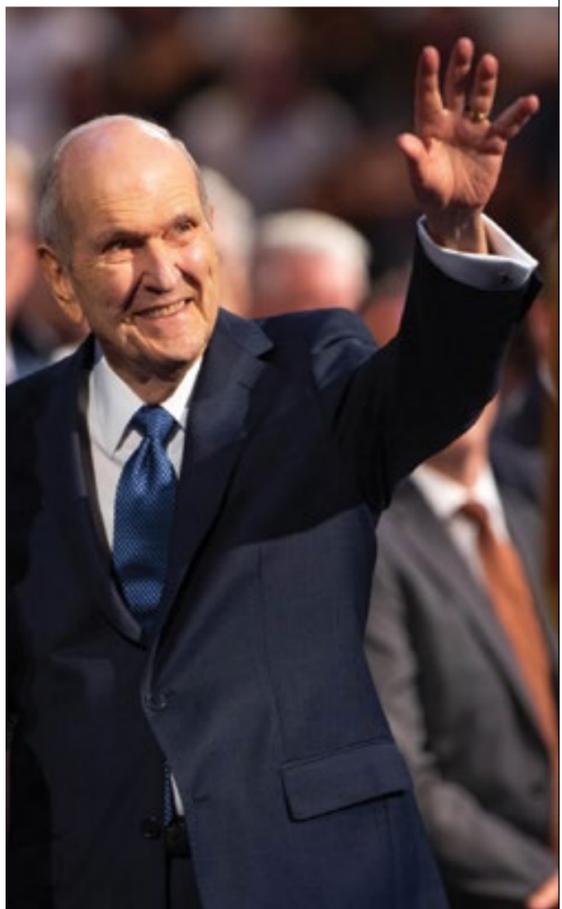
**Oct. 27** - A residential burglary was reported near 1700 West and 50 North.

### SEXUAL ASSAULT

**Oct. 26** - A rape attempt was reported near 100 North and 500 West.

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## BYU beats Western Kentucky 41-10 to maintain spotless record

By CALEB TURNER

BYU Football went up 35-3 in the first half and held off Western Kentucky's offense in the second half to win 41-10 on Halloween and start the season 7-0 for the first time since 2001.

The win was enough to get the Cougars into the Top 10 in both the AP Top 25 and Amway Coaches Poll this week at No. 9.

Zach Wilson continued to show why he is in Heisman and NFL Draft discussions with four total touchdowns on the night. He also set a new BYU record for pass attempts without an interception with 184.

"We had a lot of big plays and moved the ball down the field well," Wilson said. "They tried to throw some different stuff at us, so credit to them for that. But we were still able to put points up."

Tyler Allgeier was the unquestioned featured running back for BYU against the Hilltoppers, carrying the ball 16 times for 95 yards and a touchdown. The two-headed dragon of Dax Milne and Gunner Romney led the receiver group once again, putting up 126 yards between them, on just 10 targets.

BYU was forced to go for it on fourth down early on the opening drive, and Wilson showed no hesitation in keeping the ball and running three yards for the first down. The first highlight of the game came on the first drive as well, with Romney pulling down an impressive 38-yard reception to put BYU on the goal line. Allgeier punched it in for BYU's first score on a 10-play, 75-yard drive to go up 7-0.

"It's fun," Allgeier said of the scoring early in the game. "We just want to score in the red zone because we couldn't do it last year. We just got to keep it going."

BYU struggled to get WKU's offense off the field in the first quarter, as the Hilltoppers took over eight minutes to go 49 yards in 14 plays. The Cougars eventually held their opponent to a field goal, making the score 7-3 BYU with 2:24 remaining in the first quarter.

Wilson continued to carve up the WKU defense on the second BYU drive and set a new BYU record for



Addie Blacker

BYU quarterback Zach Wilson carries the ball during the game against Western Kentucky on Oct. 31. The win boosted the Cougars into the Top 10 in both the AP and coaches polls.

consecutive passes without an interception with 166. Allgeier broke off the first big run of the game for a 32-yard gain up the sideline, and Wilson found Milne crossing into the end zone on a 23-yard pass to put BYU up 14-3 late in the opening period.

The Cougars then forced their first turnover of the game with a fumble recovered by Isaiah Kaufusi, giving BYU the ball back to start the second quarter.

"We just played football," Kaufusi said. "The defensive line did a great job. Our defense stepped up and made plays."

BYU was once again forced to go for it on fourth down and Wilson found Neil Pau'u for his first catch of the night. A run from Allgeier put the Cougars in the red zone and Wilson ran it in for the five-yard touchdown, giving BYU a 21-3 lead with 12:45 left in the first half.

BYU held WKU to a punt on the following drive, and Wilson took just

five plays and two minutes to get the Cougars back into the end zone. The drive was assisted by back-to-back penalties on the Hilltoppers. Wilson found Lopini Katoa wide open on the east sideline and the junior running back took two cuts to the inside to get his first score of the night and put BYU up 28-3 midway through the second quarter.

Penalties continued to be the story for WKU for the rest of the second quarter, with unnecessary roughness and face mask calls putting the Cougars back in the red zone. Wilson got his third touchdown pass of the half on a throw to tight end Isaac Rex to give BYU a 35-3 lead heading into the break.

WKU quarterback Tyrrell Pigrome broke off a big run in the third quarter to set up the Hilltoppers on the one-yard line, but BYU's defense shut them out four downs in a row to give the ball back to BYU. Kaufusi pumped up the student section behind the end zone prior to the play and then got a tackle

assist on the goal line on fourth down to maintain BYU's momentum.

"That was the best series we had as a defense," Kaufusi said. "The mentality was that we weren't going to let them score. Those four downs were the highlight of the game for me."

The momentum didn't last long, however, as Wilson snapped his no-interception streak on the following drive with just his second pick of the season. WKU took over on the three-yard line and was able to convert this time, narrowing the lead to 35-10.

The Cougars were held to a field goal on the next drive, with Jake Oldroyd hitting the 49-yard attempt to extend the BYU lead to 38-10 late in the third quarter. With a comfortable lead, BYU elected to replace Wilson with Baylor Romney in the fourth quarter. Wilson finished the night 18-for-32 with 224 yards and three passing touchdowns. He added 35 yards and another score on the ground.

BYU was once again held to a field goal on its final drive of the game, with Romney struggling to find the end zone. Oldroyd's kick kept him perfect on the season (8-for-8) and gave BYU 40 points for the sixth time this season.

The Cougars were able to rotate in several non-starters late in the game, and 26 players recorded at least one tackle on defense.

"There are guys throughout the depth chart who could start," Kaufusi said. "That's the step the program has taken this year. It's a 'next man up' mentality."

Next up for the Cougars is a Top-25 matchup against No. 21 Boise State in Idaho at Albertsons Stadium.

"It's a great opportunity for us, that's a great football team," Wilson said of the Boise State game. "We gotta give them our best shot."

The game will be broadcast on Fox Sports 1 at 7:45 p.m. MT on Friday, Nov. 6.

## Former BYU basketball player wins league title and becomes a father in 72-hour span

By CAMERON MUH

When former BYU basketball star Elijah Bryant returned to Israel following the COVID sports shutdown, he didn't expect to win the league championship and become a father all within three days, but that's how it went down.

The 2019-2020 season started normally for Bryant's club, Maccabi Tel Aviv, before the pandemic led to a league shut down for 105 days. Bryant returned home to the United States during that time and continued to train.

Leaving a seven-month pregnant wife in Utah, Bryant traveled back to Israel when the season resumed in late June, and Maccabi Tel Aviv capped off its season with an 86-81 victory over Maccabi Rishon in the Israeli Basketball Premier League championship game on July 28.

After everything Bryant and the team experienced prior to winning the title, he described "gratitude and relief" as his feelings.

"I was stressed during that trial of mine, but with faith it all worked out how I wanted it to," Bryant said. "It was another testament of how having faith during trials always works out instead of murmuring."

Bryant celebrated the championship with his Maccabi club before catching a flight back to the U.S. He returned in time to be with his wife, Jenelle, just hours prior to the birth of their son, Blu.

"It was stressful for sure," Bryant said. "I ended up landing like 12 hours before (the birth). So I landed, we got some food, I took a nap for literally three hours, woke up and went to the hospital. It was wild."

"Being a father, you definitely feel some fulfillment, you grow a lot of respect for your parents, and you grow a lot of respect for your wife, for sure," Bryant said. "The family is getting pushed to the side more and more, so with me starting my own family, I've grown to value that and put a big premium on spending family time."

Jenelle spoke to Elijah's importance in their young family. "Elijah means the world to me and Blu," she said. "I've seen him grow from when



EuroLeague Basketball

Bryant drives at two defenders in a EuroLeague game against Olympiacos B.C.

we first started dating to when we got married and now as a father. He's just amazing. He's a hard worker both on and off the court."

Redshirting his first year as a Cougar, Bryant was a member of the BYU men's basketball team from 2015 to 2018. He averaged 15.6 points, 5.3 rebounds, 2.3 assists, 1.1 steals, and 0.5 blocks per game, with a career high 39 points at Portland in 2017.

Lee Cummard, one of Bryant's assistant coaches at BYU, said that his maturity is what set Bryant apart.

"He's always been very mature," Cummard said. "He's very professional, in his diligence as far as workouts and recovery, in taking care of himself and being on time, getting through the work, and doing all the things necessary to continue to improve."

Bryant's favorite part about being at BYU was the opportunity "to be the idol for someone, you know, that they look up to, to give someone some hope."

Bryant made the decision to go pro following his 2017-2018 season at BYU. He played for the Philadelphia 76ers in the NBA Summer League and then signed with the club Hapoel Eilat, a team in southern Israel near the Red Sea. In his first professional season, Bryant averaged 17.6 points, 5.7 rebounds, 1.4 steals and 0.4 blocks per game.

After an NBA Summer League stint with the Milwaukee Bucks in 2019, Bryant joined Maccabi Tel Aviv on a two-year contract. In his

first season with the club, he averaged 8.4 points, 2.9 rebounds, two assists, 0.9 steals, and 0.1 blocks per game.

Bryant has been playing overseas in Israel since September 2018 and enjoys learning a new culture there.

"I've come to respect the Jews a lot because they're very similar to Mormons," he said. "They value family."

Typically, playing overseas means that you're away from family for months at a time, but fortunately for Bryant, he has had his wife, and now his son, with him for the majority of that time.

"Everything is a little bit harder here to navigate or get around," Bryant said. "But I've been here for three years so that's kind of my new normal right now."

Beginning his second year with Maccabi and third year professionally, Bryant said he is "getting more comfortable" in knowing who he is as a player, understanding what he does well and what he hopes to improve on.

"I think for me it's just finding my role, and trying to be a star at my role, whatever that is, and understanding that when the team has success, I had success," he said.

Cummard spoke highly of the success Bryant has had playing overseas.

"He probably had two of the best years you could have for your first two years as a pro," Cummard said.

Bryant looks to "continue to progress in every statistic," but sets goals surrounding his work ethic.



Jack Damuni

Kyle Griffitts, left, Isaiah Kaufusi and Gunner Britton take a photo after the BYU-WKU game in Provo on Oct. 31. Kaufusi and Griffitts gave Britton a copy of the Book of Mormon.

## BYU Football players share Book of Mormon with Western Kentucky player

By CALEB TURNER

Senior BYU football players Isaiah Kaufusi and Kyle Griffitts were spotted giving away a copy of the Book of Mormon to Western Kentucky lineman Gunner Britton following the Cougars' win on Oct. 31.

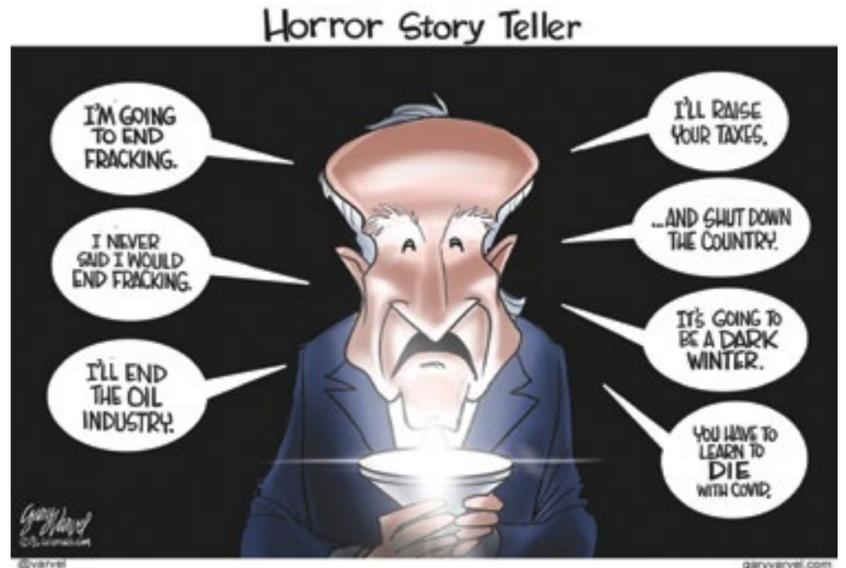
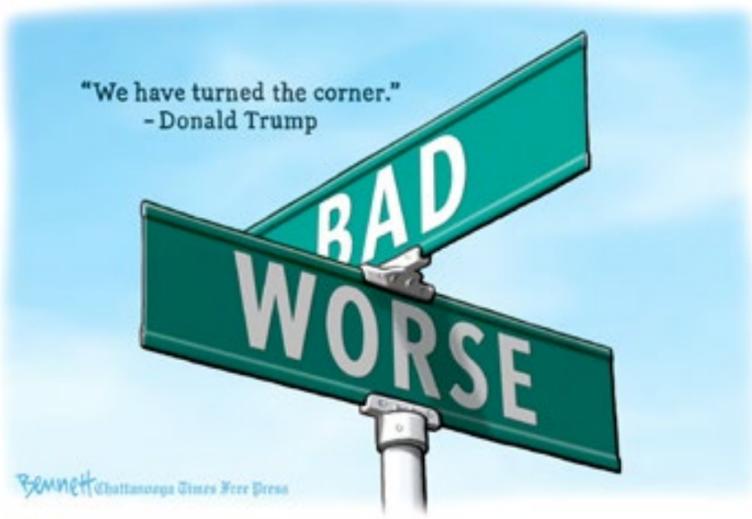
"We were just talking during the game and I wanted to learn more of their faith," Britton told Robby McCombs of Vanquish the Foe. "They were great guys."

The photos of the exchange were shared by BYU Football on-campus recruiter Jack Damuni over Twitter. "I was fortunate to catch this

priceless scene between Isaiah Kaufusi and Kyle Griffitts giving this player from Western Kentucky a Book of Mormon after the game and sharing their testimonies of the gospel," Damuni said in his tweet. "I love our boys, they're great examples to the world."

Many on social media, including BYU Sports Nation's Jarom Jordan, said this was the first time they have seen a BYU player give away a Book of Mormon to a member of a visiting team.

"They had questions throughout the game so Isaiah grabbed me and said, 'hey, two by two, come help me out with something,'" Griffitts shared after the game on Twitter.



## WEEKLY QUESTION

Daily Universe editors post a question on Instagram each week asking readers their view on a specific topic. Here's what they had to say. Responses are unedited.

### Who do you think will win the 2020 presidential election and why?

Trump. The economy tends to be the most important issue to voters in every election.  
@JOSH\_DELAIGLE

Biden. I know a lot of people who voted trump the first time But have since switched.  
@JAKEWOODS\_2019

Kanye West has my vote so hoping he can pull through this year  
@DAVID.KING.JONES

Trump, but I voted for Biden  
@REBBY\_REBERKER

Biden, people are fed up with Trump and want change  
@CAMMYGIRL159

I think Trump will won because he is a more powerful personality.  
@BRACHELAVERETT

Biden, his polling lead is double Hillary's  
@MA\_TAY\_

I can't get my hopes up. But if Trump wins, I'm leaving the country as soon as I graduate  
@MARLEECJEPP

TRUMP! Because he puts America first and doesn't make money selling us out like Biden!  
@SUSIESACK

Biden, Trump failed during covid  
@SMELLELEBELLE

No one. Neither of the options is a win for the country  
@BEVERLY\_YLISE

Biden. Dem turnout will be greater than previously bc of 4 yrs of anti-Trump sentiment.  
@GNAT\_ALIE

Trump. The silent majority will vote for him. Most are afraid of showing support bc threats  
@ISLANEDER

## READERS' FORUM

### Fatphobia in BYU's media

When many hear the word 'fat,' they think of 'unhealthy,' 'ugly,' and more, but that is unrealistic. There are many fat people that are fit and beautiful. Being fat is not a shameful thing. In 2016, about 40% of adults in America were obese, yet do you remember any fat people in photos you were emailed when encouraged to apply to BYU?

When asked if they noticed a discrepancy in the representation of fat people in BYU media, a graduate student shared her experience: "I couldn't bear the thought of people making fun of me based on my weight when they didn't even know me. All of the ads on campus reinforced that."

The same student summarized her point, saying: "All the ads on campus seemed to show thin girls. It was terrifying to think that I might not belong or be liked because I didn't look like them." BYU media reflects our students and yet it isn't an accurate depiction.

The gospel teaches that we are made in God's image. We are taught to love and accept others. The ad campaigns and media around campus are doing the opposite. Representation has improved astronomically for gender and race. It needs to keep improving for all, especially fat people.

—Madi Hawes  
Lakewood, Washington

### The prodigal press

A small white pamphlet was tucked under my apartment door, catching my eye and attention.

When I followed the link on the pamphlet, I found the words "Not quite holy, not quite heretical" printed across the home page of a newspaper website. The alarm bells in my head rang as I realized this "news source" was designed to influence, not inform.

A poorly written mission statement addressed the paper's existence and explained that it was a platform for underrepresented opinions from misrepresented individuals. I found that the same issues were addressed there as on every other nationally recognized platform. With a false goal of unifying the student body, this paper was a desperate attention grab and did not even follow its stated mission. I wondered how a paper that seeks to validate people can disregard and trample on the beliefs and values of most students here at BYU and expect to be taken seriously.

Members of the BYU community need to seriously consider using platforms that already exist — like The Daily Universe — to express their opinions. With the ever-increasing abundance of platforms on this campus, be a unifying voice and know when it's better to cut out the noise.

—Spencer Evans  
Lindon, Utah



## Tweet Beat

#BYU #BYUprobs

Want to see your tweet in print? Tweet something about life around you with #BYUprobs or #BYU and hopefully it makes the cut.

Leave comments at universe.byu.edu or @UniverseBYU

**@colindross**  
I've hit that point of the year where I feel totally comfortable going out in public in my pajamas

**@rachelwilbury**  
Ok but if we don't return to normal for another year I still have time to covid elope, which is my greatest desire

**@Jacks\_solis**  
I love looking at where everyone is at on snap maps. Even someone I haven't talked to in years. I'm like "oh look, Christian is at the gas station!"

**@shelbyshipley**  
If you ask me masks during the fall/winter is an absolute win because then my face doesn't get cold when I go outside

**@halseyahbaby**  
Apple Music is better than sp\*tify

**@closetmormon**  
The adhesive. On the ballot envelope. Tastes disgusting.

**@\_Kristine\_A**  
Am I sick or is this anxiety: covid19 election edition

**@gabbagabsa**  
cute date idea: bring ginger ale and soup to my door and then leave

**@paynebunker**  
just realized utah kids are gonna be grandparents one day. pack it up, we're gonna see grandpa bryxtone and grandma mckyleigh

**@tmonson23**  
I need sleep but my mind keeps going "I'm at the Pizza Hut! I'm at the Taco Bell! I'm at the combination Pizza Hut and Taco Bell!"

**@macaela\_lynn**  
i'm mentally not ready for it to be getting dark at 6pm

**@ben\_asplund**  
kinda mad i'm 22 and haven't kissed anyone under the mistletoe before

**@tiamammamia**  
everyone's out here announcing their quarantine babies and i'm just vibing with some new plant cuttings

Tweets are unedited.

## OPINION OUTPOST

The Opinion Outpost features opinions and commentary on the latest hot topics from state and national news sources.

### Staying home this holiday season

As gut-wrenching as this may be, one of the most obvious ways to mitigate further viral spread will be for as many people as possible to stay home this holiday season. Even before the recent spike in cases, scientists knew that holidays were risky business. Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and Labor Day weekend were all followed by measurable spikes in case counts. The fall and winter

holidays are likely to be much worse, because they tend to involve more travel and indoor gatherings.

— Editorial Board  
The New York Times

### The Biden contradiction

The Wall Street Journal hasn't endorsed a presidential candidate since 1928—Hoover—and we aren't about to change this year. But we do try to sum up the risks and promise of the candidates every four years, and we'll start today with the contradictory candidacy of Joe Biden.

The former Vice President is running as a reassuring

moderate, a man of good character who can reunite the country and crush Covid-19 after the disruptive Trump Presidency. Yet he also is running on the most left-wing policy program in decades.

Voters have little idea about these policies because Mr. Biden mentions them only in the most vague, general terms. The press barely reports them.

But what evidence is there today that Mr. Biden will restrain his increasingly radical party? As a presidential candidate this year he has put no particular policy imprint on the Democratic Party—not one. The party has put its stamp on him.

— Editorial Board  
The Wall Street Journal

### Mail-in ballots

Each ballot sent through the mail has a barcode that is unique for one specific voter. Once that has been returned and scanned by one of the machines ... that voter cannot vote again without being caught and

subject to legal penalties.

No imposter could vote under someone else's name or with that person's barcode. Each mailed-in ballot must be signed, and each signature is compared, by computer, against other official signatures left by that person, including at the time he or

she registered to vote. Whatever the computer can't verify, people trained in the study of handwriting will examine. People whose ballots still are in question will be mailed an affidavit for verification.

— Editorial Board  
Deseret News

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

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- Letters should be no more than 250 words and may be edited for length, clarity or style.

Opinion editor Kenzie Holbrook can be reached at universe.ideas@gmail.com.



## Recent BYU grad details 'exhausting' battle with COVID

By JOSH CARTER

Recent BYU economics graduate Connor Hoopes, 24, wasn't too surprised when he tested positive for COVID-19 back in June. He had been experiencing aches, chills, a heavy cough and chest pain during the days leading up to his test.

What did surprise Hoopes, however, was the "exhausting" months-long battle with the virus that has since taken place.

"My perspective has definitely changed," Hoopes said. "I always knew the virus was significant from the beginning, but this has been eye-opening for me."

The American Fork native did start to feel a little better in the days following his positive test, as some of the more severe symptoms began to subside. Hoopes, who considers himself an active person and had no pre-existing health conditions, was confident he would soon return to full strength.

But eight days after Hoopes first started feeling ill, his condition took a turn for the worse. Hoopes had decided to go for a drive and was singing along to some of his favorite tunes when his breath was suddenly taken from him.

"It was so strange, I couldn't sing or say anything because I ran out of air," Hoopes said. "I got home and was just completely exhausted. The next day I was still exhausted. My chest started hurting, I was dizzy and I didn't have any energy to move or do anything."

Hoopes called his doctor but was unable to schedule an appointment since he still had the virus. After receiving a similar response from urgent care, Hoopes dragged himself to the emergency room at Utah Valley Hospital.

The hospital staff performed a series of tests and x-rays on Hoopes and hooked



Connor Hoopes

Recent BYU graduate Connor Hoopes, 24, takes a selfie in a hospital bed during a visit to the emergency room with COVID-related health complications.

him up to an IV. After spending over four hours in the emergency room, the staff told Hoopes they couldn't find anything wrong with his results.

"I was like, 'OK,'" Hoopes said. "I feel like absolute trash and can hardly breathe right now but OK."

Hoopes returned home to rest and slowly started to recover once again in the weeks that followed. Despite his effort to limit physical activity, Hoopes would still run out of breath from walking down the street or around the block. His chest pains also began to return more intense than before.

Hoopes finally decided to meet with his doctor in August, who prescribed him an inhaler with albuterol solution. When that didn't yield much help, Hoopes met with his doctor again about a month later.

"(My doctor) gave me these steroid pills, but they didn't do anything to help my lungs," Hoopes said. "And my chest got so bad, it hurt so much I could barely breathe just sitting there, not having done anything. This is three months

after the fact, I was in pain just from sitting there."

Soon after the appointment and as his condition continued to worsen, Hoopes decided to check himself into the Utah Valley Clinic InstaCare to get some more help. After performing additional blood tests, x-rays and an EKG, the staff once again told Hoopes his results were normal. He was told to continue to rest and that there was nothing else they could really do to help.

Hoopes, who started an MBA program at the University of Utah in September, has continued to visit with his doctor from time to time and even met recently with a pulmonary specialist. Although no one has yet to find any issues with his various scans and test results, his doctor did prescribe a stronger steroid inhaler that has seemed to help.

Hoopes has shown some signs of improvement but continues to struggle with shortness of breath and occasional chest pain. He admits he never imagined the virus could have caused so much distress and lasted this long for anyone his age, especially those without any pre-existing health conditions.

"I've just come to realize how dangerous (COVID) really is," Hoopes said. "I hope people can understand that it's a lot more serious than some may think. It's not a fun experience at all."

Hoopes hopes people of all ages can take the proper precautions to help slow the virus's spread.

"What hurts is when people are like, 'Well, people aren't dying,'" Hoopes said. "If you look at my situation, I'm a 24-year-old who had no pre-existing conditions and I'm still suffering because of this virus. I feel like this time is going to be a lot shorter than people are making it out to be. We can succeed together, but it's going to take all of us making a really tough, consistent effort."

## BYU entrepreneur expands thrifting business



Lex Maynez

Lex Maynez, center, and friends pose at a Sad Boi Thrift pop-up on Oct. 10. Maynez's online thrift store is getting a brick-and-mortar location next month.

By GABRIELLE SHIOZAWA

A BYU student is turning a love for clothing into an expanding thrifting enterprise.

Lex Maynez, a 22-year-old sophomore studying business and communication studies, will open a brick-and-mortar base for his online thrift shop on Nov. 6.

Maynez started Sad Boi Thrift (SBT) in November 2019 after he started selling some of his clothes on Instagram and was amazed by how quickly everything sold.

"I realized, OK, people like my style," Maynez said. He started thrifting 10 items at a time and selling them online to test if the trend would continue. It did.

SBT grew and started appearing at pop-up events in Provo and Salt Lake City in January. The shop gained enough momentum during the summer for Maynez to open a shop on Center Street. But when that lease fell through due to problems with the management, SBT was back on the streets.

"When I lost the store, that was probably one of the worst moments of my life," Maynez said. "But the biggest thing with dealing with the unexpected is understanding that your plans will change. You can stay optimistic even if those things that happen are not in line with what you want to happen."

Maynez's optimism was fulfilled when he signed a six-month lease at a new location: 746 E. 820 North, Suite 3, on the second floor of Brooker's Founding Flavors. He expressed excitement at being closer to BYU campus and said the new spot is more fitting for the company's social scene. The store will officially open for business on Nov. 6.

"I want Sad Boi Thrift to be BYU's thrift store," Maynez said. "This school is the reason it started. Everything I've been able to do is because of the knowledge I gained here and the friends here that support me."

Maynez attributes his success

to lessons from BYU business classes and the examples of his professors, particularly professor Ralph Little, who taught an entrepreneurship class.

"I have a lot of gratitude for how much they push for us to not just learn in the classroom but to put it into practice outside of class," Maynez said of the Marriott School of Business. "I try to ask, what would Dr. Little do? How would he react in this situation? That's what sharpens my thought process."

Little said one of the secrets to successful entrepreneurship is learning how to have good conversations.

"When we're focused on people, we become good at sales because we understand what people need, want and desire," Little said. "Lex Maynez is a natural entrepreneur because he has trained himself to recognize the needs of others and opportunities that are all around him."

One way Maynez collaborates with others at BYU is by hiring interns from the Marriott School of Business' On-Campus Internships office. Students get three hours of credit for helping SBT grow, which "is a really fun opportunity and benefits everyone," Maynez said.

"I enjoy the creative and collaborative opportunities the most," intern Aleah Bucknum said. "Interning for Sad Boi has opened up a new and vibrant opportunity for me to make connections that will last beyond this semester."

Thrift shopping is growing in popularity because of people's individualistic culture, Maynez said.

"Thrift offers people an affordable, unique way to express themselves, and that's why so many people are into it," Maynez said. "Everyone wants to be individual. People see clothing as an outlet to say who they are, and thrifting offers that in an inexpensive and creative way."

"So many people are gravitating towards thrifting right now because it's cheap and cool," intern Piercynn Glenn said. "I like

thrifting because I like the look of making old things new and getting more for my money."

Bucknum sees it from a more environmental perspective.

"One man's trash, another man's treasure, right?" Bucknum said. "I'd like to think people thrift because they recognize their responsibility in contributing to the decrease in pollution and waste. That's a huge motivator for me."

Maynez has transformed the thrifting experience into a more social experience by combining his pop-ups with meet-ups, eateries, outdoor movies and concerts.

"Sad Boi definitely brings life to the otherwise mundane thrifting experience," Bucknum said. "We work with musicians, artists and local businesses in order to give more aspiring entrepreneurs a platform to gain traction and so that customers leave with more than a sick T-shirt."

"That's what it's all about, is being able to do things with other people," Maynez said. "I love it so much because it's so fun and unique."

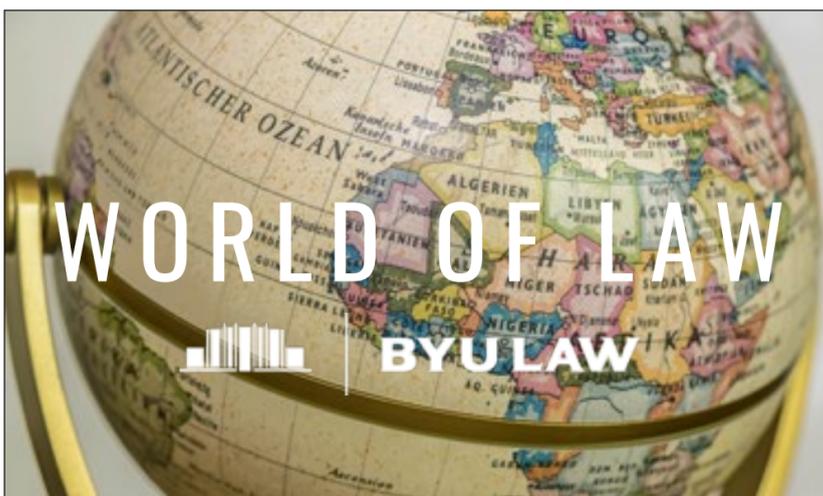
Maynez's short-term goal is to be able to raise enough money to pay for law school before he graduates.

His bigger dream is to have more SBT stores set up near other college campuses and to make his store part of the college community.

Little called Maynez "fearless in his efforts to succeed" and said that even if SBT only lasts a few years, he has high hopes for Maynez's future learning experiences.

"There's never a problem with making mistakes; the problem is not learning what needs to be learned," Little said. He advocated applying maximum effort to lead to new knowledge and growth. "We're here on earth to figure out what works and what doesn't, and the only way we can do that is by going out and doing as much as we possibly can."

"I'm excited to see where it all goes," Maynez said. "It's going to be really fun."



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## Returned missionaries find a way to give back through education

By MCCALL ANDRIZZI

A group of returned missionary BYU students has found a way to give back to the country they spent 18 months to two years serving through a nonprofit that helps international students receive an education.

Marcus Van Gils, Adam Johnson, Chandler Kallas and BreAnn Duce, all recently returned from the Singapore Malaysia Mission, created The Small Hill Foundation as a way to sponsor members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to gain an education through BYU-Pathway Worldwide, an online education program of the Church.

The Small Hill Foundation uses donations to sponsor students in Malaysia to attend school online through BYU-Pathway with the ultimate goal of gaining a degree or certificate

in a specific field, an opportunity many students would not have otherwise.

"In Malaysia, it's very rare to find someone that's graduated from college. We are providing need-based scholarships to those who are unable to afford to pay for BYU-Pathway," Kallas said.

According to Duce, the head of marketing for the foundation, the students returned from their missions with a desire to keep giving back to the country. "Helping them sustain their faith was difficult, especially from so far away, but we decided that giving them an education was the best way to help them," Duce said.

The students know they are in a unique position of trust

with the people of Malaysia and want to leverage this trust by encouraging them to continue their education.

The Small Hill Foundation picks students from Malaysia that want to further their education. All sponsored students

are "bright individuals and future scholars that have demonstrated a desire to

work hard, grow and succeed," its website says.

Currently, 27 students are beginning their education with the help of The Small Hill Foundation. All 27 students are first-generation college students from humble backgrounds.

After applying and being accepted, the team at The Small Hill Foundation makes sure the student has access to the internet and a computer and also provides a mentor to guide them throughout their educational experience. The mentors are all people who have lived in Malaysia at some point in their life, have graduated from college, and are now actively working in a career.

The Small Hill Foundation is accepting donations to assist more students in receiving an education. The foundation dreams of having multi-generational families be blessed as a result of their efforts.

"I'm most excited for students to be able to graduate," Duce said. "They will get to say they graduated, which is something they wouldn't be able to say otherwise."

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