

Editors' Note

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We are pleased to present Volume II of the *Xavier Journal of Politics* (XJOP). Volume II is a collection of exceptional articles by Xavier University students. The articles cover a variety of topics relating to congressional voting and elections, regulatory policy, veterans' policy, and political philosophy.

We would like to thank all the individuals involved in making this volume possible. In particular, we would like to extend our appreciation to the faculty members who took the time to assist us in the review process; their editorial advice was extremely valuable and helped our contributors improve the quality of their articles prior to publication.

The XJOP would not be possible without the dedicated work of student contributors who have provided us with interesting papers that contribute to our understanding of important political and policy issues. Along with these students, our efforts would be lost without the tireless work, constant support, and guidance of our XJOP faculty advisor, Dr. Mack Mariani.

Our experience as co-editors has taught us a great deal about the research process and encouraged us to continue forward with our own political research. The editing process broadened our perspective on political topics and inspired us to rethink our own political views and perspectives.

We are pleased to present Volume II of the XJOP. We hope it contributes to the study of politics at Xavier and inspires future generations of students to contribute their own research.

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