

“OH, THE REMNANTS OF SEXISM ARE ALIVE AND WELL” :THE FEAR OF SEXUAL POWER

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In 2016, this country had to make a choice between two candidates for the presidential seat. One was an advocate for women and children, a U.S. Senator, the Secretary of State, and a former first lady; the other was a millionaire with a reality television show. Although the majority of the country voted for the former, the election resulted in favor of the reality T.V. star. While different factors contributed to the outcome, the core issue was gender bias. In five sections, this Article discusses the influence of gender bias in the most quintessential male-dominated position: the Presidency of the United States of America.

After a brief introduction, Section II of the Article gives a quick break down of conscious and unconscious biases, prone to both men and women. Bias tends to be the basis for why women in “traditional” male-dominated roles have difficulty advancing in their respective fields. Section III summarizes the sex discrimination case of Price

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Waterhouse v. Hopkins, and emphasizes Justice Brennan's Catch 22. Section IV makes a correlation between Ann Hopkins and Hillary Rodham Clinton: tying in the conscious and unconscious bias, her break from the traditional role—by becoming the first female presidential candidate of a major party in 2016—and the infamous Catch 22. The Article concludes with a brief summation and request for contemplation and change.