

Trump, Democratic debates and taking a break

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I love politics. Call me crazy all you want. I study politics. I discuss politics with my friends. I watch political commentary videos in my free time. A large portion of my life revolves around politics.

I began my study of politics in 2016 when I came to this college. It was one hell of a year to start studying politics, but it was and still is my passion.

However, I must admit that I am absolutely, wholeheartedly and completely exhausted by it at the moment. I can still argue political theory for hours. I still watch those same political commentary videos.

Now, it is just harder for me to get as passionate in discussion and the day-to-day goings on in the political arena. I'm so tired.

No, I do not want to debate my classmates in my random general education requirement courses. I do not care what you think about whatever Beto O'Rourke said on the campaign trail yesterday. I do not want to hear the same

arguments over and over and over.

It is becoming sickening to me.

This isn't a party issue to me, either. No, I have not and will not watch any of the Democratic debates. No, I did not see Trump's latest tweet. To be honest, I really do not care what you have to say about it either.

I used to operate day in and day out in the political arena. It was my home. I was a walking political news feed. I cannot operate like that anymore. It was slowly suffocating me.

Now, it should come as no surprise that I am a liberal. I do not like Donald Trump. However, I used to be willing to debate whatever he was saying in the news at any given hour. God knows I had to keep up by the hour in order to stay topically relevant.

Now, I hear his name and quite literally hiss like I'm a cat in my head.

I do not care about Donald Trump. Not as a president. Not as a person. I will not let him consume my waking days. I have much bigger things to worry about than him at the present moment.

If that makes me sound politically apathetic,

then so be it.

Now, if I, the self-proclaimed political fanatic, is absolutely exhausted, I can only imagine what the general populous is going through right now.

I may be shouting into the void of people who have felt this way for so long. My lamentations may be falling upon deaf ears.

Honestly, though, am I the only one feeling like this? Am I the only one going crazy?

I understand that it is my civic duty to keep up with the political world at least some. I still intend to do this. I will absolutely vote in 2020.

However, I have made a resolution with myself. I refuse to follow politics as intensely as I previously have as long as this president is in office. It just isn't healthy for me.

Secondly, I will focus more on the upcoming election when it is actually the damn election year.

For all those in the same space as me, scared to stop following the political circle of madness but utterly exhausted (I hope you're out there, too), I hope you'll follow in my footsteps. I have already begun work at easing myself out of the circus, and I can honestly say I feel astronomically better.

'Hobbs and Shaw'

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From director David Leitch and producer Dwayne Johnson comes a thrilling new spin-off film from "The Fast and Furious" franchise, "Fast and Furious Presents: Hobbs and Shaw". The film features Dwayne Johnson, Jason Statham, Vanessa Kirby, Idris Elba and Helen Mirren.

The movie begins in London with an MI6 mission to retrieve a vial of a virus that can alter anyone's genetic code. A terrorist organization called Eteon interferes, killing everyone in the unit except for the leader, Hattie Shaw (Kirby), who is framed for the murders. In the chaos, Hattie manages to inject herself with the virus before finding herself on the run from MI6 in addition to Eteon.

After the incident, the CIA and MI6 appoint Hobbs (Johnson) and Shaw (Statham) to track down the virus and keep it from falling into the

hands of Brixton Lore of Eteon (Elba).

Near the end of the film, Hobbs, Shaw, and Hattie retreat to Hobbs' homeland, an island he abandoned many years previous. Many of Dwayne Johnson's relatives were featured in the movie as family of Hobbs adding a family element to the film while making it more relatable for the audience.

This film is a spectacle crammed with explosions and plot twists to satisfy any audience. Special effects and animation are unbelievably realistic.

Hobbs and Shaw receives four out of five stars due to its spectacular use of special effects, riveting action, and acting. "Hobbs and Shaw" is a film that you do not want to miss.

