

**WHEREAS**, we should not let one issue determine our votes, and  
**WHEREAS**, I don't vote for my ethnicity or my gender, and  
**WHEREAS**, oppressed groups must unite to succeed, and  
**WHEREAS**, the importance of

the American civil rights movement, and  
**WHEREAS**, the racism of the Ku Klux Klan as well, and  
**WHEREAS**,

mental issues, and  
**WHEREAS**, Joe the Plumber, and  
**WHEREAS**, "American" should not be qualified with a prefix, and  
**WHEREAS**, "identities" strengthen community, and  
**WHEREAS**, "identities" stratify America, and  
**WHEREAS**, my ethnicity, religion, and sexual orientation are intrinsic parts of who I am, and  
**WHEREAS**, my diabetes should not define my politics, and  
**WHEREAS**, Barack Obama cannot be classified in a neat category, and  
**WHEREAS**, John McCain was appealing to "real Americans," and

**WHEREAS**, voters need to see the big picture, not just a facet, and  
**WHEREAS**, emphasizing differences intensifies marginalization, and  
**WHEREAS**, embracing diversity and pluralism is good for politics, and  
**WHEREAS**, focusing on identity distracts from important funda-

**WHEREAS**, most of these so-called differences are just social constructs anyway, and  
**WHEREAS**, the gay marriage ban directly affects my life, and  
**WHEREAS**, affirming our "identities" merely encourages bigots, and  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Resolved:

## Reject Identity Politics

Wednesday 19th · 7:30 pm



### Monday

Alright, need a rest from cramming for that last midterm before break? Well, then, join the White House staff and the members of the Independent Party as we watch **THE WEST WING** at 9:00 PM in the **SAYBROOK TV ROOM**.

### Tuesday

Does the idea of cloning give you nightmares, or are you slaving away for your bioengineering degree? Join the YPU as we debate **R: BIOTECHNOLOGY THREATENS OUR HUMANITY** with Peter Lawler at 7:30 PM in **LC 102**.

### Wednesday

Do identity-based interest groups drive you crazy, or do you believe that embracing "identities" strengthens our political system? Join the IP as we debate **RESOLVED: REJECT IDENTITY POLITICS** at 7:30 PM in a location **TBA**.

### Friday

Heading down to Cambridge to watch Yale kick ass and take names? Join the Independent Party for **DINNER** at 10:30 PM with some of our illustrious alumni! **EMAIL** river.clegg@yale.edu ASAP if you're interested. **Boola Boola!!!!**

### Thanksgiving

Can you believe it's Thanksgiving already? Freshmen, you only have a few weeks left before you've finished your first semester here at Yale! Relish your week off from work, kick back and get pumped for more exciting IP events!

# The Spectrum

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**Chairman :** Geoffrey “academic” Shaw

**Vice Chairman :** Alex “Chicagoan” Soble

**Chief Whip :** Meredith “humanitarian” Morrison

**Secretary :** Naomi “vegetarian” Lisan

**Treasurer :** Sasha “banker” Burger

**SAAAC :** River “hippie” Clegg

**Director of Development :** Alena “artist” Gribskov

**Lieutenant Colonel Whip:** Kate “curly hair” McDermott

**America:** Carmen Lee, Rachel Bayefsky

**Identities:** Shannon Connors, Catherine Osborn, Matt Bedrick, Nate Blevins, Joshua Cantor-Stone, Rustin Fakheri, Conor Crawford, Reid Magdanz

**Two Weeks Ago,** the Independent Party met to debate **RESOLVED: NATIONALIZE PUBLIC EDUCATION.** **ADAM** “teach me” **GOODRUM** argued that fair education requires a standard national curriculum. **CARMEN** “textbook monster” **LEE** argued that education must be tailored to the needs of individual communities. **SHANNON** “banana and a condom” **CONNORS** argued that defeating problems such as abstinence-only sex education requires nationalization of education. **REID** “diversity” **MAGDANZ** argued that different areas necessitate different kinds of education. **MEREDITH** “when cornered she becomes increasingly cute” **MORRISON** argued that nationalizing education can prevent biased presentation of material. She was **REBUTTED** by **NAOMI** “Sarah Palin” **LISAN** who argued that nationalization will not get at the roots of bias, which are cultural. **ALEX** “economics” **KLEIN** argued for the voucher system. He was **REBUTTED** by **DAVID** “public school intern” **KOHN** who argued that national standards are necessary to ensure basic education. **SAM** “pencil-thrower” **BAGG** argued that education is a public good. **TREVOR** “Chicago” **WAGENER** argued that rich students shouldn’t be entitled to a better education than poor students. **THOMAS** “plutocracy” **SMYTH** argued that states’ rights are not good for the world. **DAVID** “Anne of Cleves” **BROCKMAN** argued that nationalization is classist. **MIKE** “I will not pace” **EDUCATE** argued that the government cannot enact the cultural change needed in, for example, biased Southern schools. **KATE** “most excellent” **MCDERMOTT** argued that programs such as NCLB have encouraged systematic mediocrity in which students at the top and the middle of the class lose out. In a vote of **ELEVEN** to **EIGHT** to **SIX** to the **DAVID KOHN** the motion **PASSED** and the body adjourned to **YORKSIDE**, as is **TRADITIONAL**.

## IPster of the Week

**Name:** Sasha Burger, TD ‘11

**Position:** Treasurer

**Major:** East Asian Studies

**Hometown:** Woodbridge, CT

**Hobbies:** Watching movies instead of working, overspending at Starbucks, China, napping, watching puppies, money (obviously)

**One politician she’d tap (and why):** San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom, because he’s hot even though he did take a vacation during the San Francisco oil spill.

**Fun Facts:** Sasha’s parents are both Peruvian archaeologists  
–She went on her first excavation when she was 8 months old, and saw her first mummy shortly thereafter  
–She has a sneaking suspicion that her family came out of an Indiana Jones movie (clearly the one filmed at Yale)  
–She does a fierce Ethel Merman impression

## Bojangles’s Corner

Golly gee, the IP sure had a great time in New York this past Friday! Between sketchy story-telling on the train, watching a Steampunk-influenced version of Twelfth Night (no, really) and chilling with an exec at Sesame Street, it was an exhausting but fabulous day!



*Above, Geoff enjoys quality time with Oscar the Grouch!*

