

Here are three different takes on an important election. All three highlight the distance we faced, either geographically or mentally on this event. It is interesting to note the different perspectives we were exposed to either during or after the event, and to think about how relationships help form our political views.

Mark Enfield '94:

Bill Clinton was elected as the 42nd President of the United States in 1992 during our junior year of college. Honestly, I could have cared less about politics as a 20-year old but I've had the privilege of working with Henry Cisneros, who served as Clinton's HUD Secretary from 1993 to 1997, for the last 10 years. I asked Henry to reflect on President Clinton's impact on college graduates in 1994 during a time that he portrays as the "Bridge to the Future." The Republican Party won control of the Congress in 1994 for the first time in 40 years which forced President Clinton to make tough decisions to effectuate a balanced budget.

Libby Alexander '94:

"I was studying abroad in Rome at the time and I remember watching election returns at a bar. As the night progressed, there were various discussions with Italians and other international students studying abroad, and I was surprised at how many had strong opinions about the election (and thought Bush would win.)