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Mock UN Election Results

In commemoration of United Nations Day (October 24th) and as a celebration of the excitement for US Elections this year, the Rice community is invited to participate in electing a (make-believe) future UN Leader.

Election Rules:

- 1) Nominate someone who would make a great leader to promote peace and unity.*
 - 2) The individual could be real or animated, alive or deceased, well-known in the world or perhaps only in the Rice community. Use your creativity.*
 - 3) Provide reasons why this individual would make a great leader*
- This mock election was intended to be fun, creative, and to highlight the qualities that people believe make great leaders.*

Mahatma Gandhi: As the elected mock UN leader based on votes, Mahatma Gandhi was chosen based upon many of his famous qualities. It was his compassion and attitude toward non-violence that proved to be the biggest influences on the voters. His willingness to help the downtrodden people made him a perfect candidate to help lead the mock UN into the future. With integrity, vision, and conviction, Gandhi provides the leadership necessary to lead the mock UN with hope and change.

Many other qualified candidates were considered for this position as the mock UN leader. These other candidates extol similar values and qualities found in Mahatma Gandhi. These nominees showed their commitment to human rights, finding peaceful solutions, advancing democracy, effective communication at all levels, always upholding great integrity, compassion, brave, charismatic, seeking unity, hard-working, and having great dedication. These characteristics are what contribute so much to the future of the mock UN as we partner with Mr. Gandhi.

We must note that three people were nominated based on their personal aversion to the UN altogether, and not so much on the individuals' qualities.

A big thanks goes out to all who participated in our Mock UN election, in celebration of this year's US elections.

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