

# Left Right in the Middle

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Note: This media project can be accessed at the following link:

<<https://www.svsu.edu/writingprogram/braunawards/braunawardspublications/2013/>>

*Left Right in the Middle* is a media project whose purpose is the promotion of productive political discourse. Through a podcast that addresses key political issues via analytical research and analysis, as well as listener conversations via a forum on Left Right in the Middle’s Facebook page, I hope to foster conversations that can lead to a middle ground where people possessing opposing views on pressing political issues can find amicable solutions that best serve us all—not just a particular ideology.

I invite people of all political persuasions to listen to the nine shows I produced and join the conversation; everyone’s input matters. I only ask that forum conversations remain civil and constructive, and that listeners back their arguments (not opinions) with viable sources. It’s ok to possess a particular political ideology; what isn’t ok is being so entrenched in that ideology that one cannot entertain having a conversation with a political foe. This media project offers a forum where those with opposing political views can meet in the middle and discuss the issues that matter most to us.

*Left Right in the Middle* was originally produced as a website that housed the podcasts I produced, as well as links to show sources and the show’s Facebook page. Since the Student Research and Creativity Institute grant funding for the project supported web hosting only through July 2013, the show materials are available here via an interactive PDF. The URL listed above links to the 2013 Braun Award recipients’ page. Click on the “Media Project” link under my name to access the PDF, then navigate the PDF as you would a website. The episodes that I produced are available via YouTube, and the Facebook page remains available for forum conversations. So although the project has ended, the conversation can continue.