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APSA Post-Election Statement

The 2016 presidential election underscored the critical role that political science can play in supporting spirited and well-informed democratic discourse, and the responsibilities that accompany that role. On behalf of the association, we want to reiterate our commitment to the core values of inclusion, diversity, and academic freedom that animate us and unite us as political scientists and as citizens. We affirm our longstanding support and advocacy for federal support of political science and of the social sciences and humanities. Our discipline and our democracy rely on vigorous and enlightened political debate, and broad and active civic engagement. We look forward to working with our members, other associations and groups and the citizenry at large in support of the important goals and values we share.

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