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The Political Science Department is proud to present the fourth edition of the *Susquehanna University Political Review*. This journal presents some of the best undergraduate research on politics that has been done by Susquehanna students, highlighting the work that has been done through independent study and in several different courses, including the Senior Seminar capstone course. In addition to recognizing the scholarship of students, we also hope that this journal will encourage upcoming students in their research efforts by showing them the quality of work that can be done by students who engage in research that is both rigorous and engaging. Congratulations to Adam Ozer, Morgan Lewis, Molly Bogart, and Andrew Champion for setting the bar high for future students.

While the journal is supported by the Department, the work is done by the student editorial board which solicits and reviews manuscripts, chooses the finalists, and edits the final copy. This journal would not exist without the many hours of work they put into this project. The final product is a testament to their efforts. Thanks to this year's editorial board:

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