Jay-Z and Beyonce Raise Money and Awareness for the Presidential Race





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Support for the Presidential couple continues from Hip-Hop's royal couple. During President Barack Obama's re-election campaign, Jay-Z and Beyonce continued to show support through raising money and awareness. This past September, the pair raised \$4 million for the President's re-election campaign by hosting an event at Jay-Z's 40/40 Club in New York City. The event was limited to 100 guests, each paying \$40,000 to attend. Also, Jay-Z performed at POTUS' Ohio rally for the final efforts to promote awareness, a day before the official election. When Jay-Z spoke to MTV News regarding his reasons

to support the President, he stated, "I support Barack because I gotta respect that sort of vision. I gotta respect a man who is the first black President ever."

What do you do if you and your partner don't hold the same political beliefs?

Cupid's Advice:

When it comes to politics, many people fall in love with a partner that happens to have different beliefs. It's something that may have been noticed on the first few dates but never taken seriously until later — perhaps around election time. And even though the differences can transform a robust debate into an all-out fight, it also has the potential to bring a couple closer. Here are a few ways to help any relationship stay on the same side, regardless of opposing views:

- 1. Respect each others' views: Whether one of you is prochoice and the other is pro-life, never disrespect each other by ridiculing or dismissing each other's beliefs. Instead, stick to unbiased facts that are provable. Your issue is with the topic and not your partner, so keep the harsh comments out of your relationship. The key is to focus on who you are speaking to and not the topic.
- 2. Don't try to change his/her views: When you and your mate are in a heated debate, don't make it a battle of who will change their views. Rather, use your listening skills and allow each other to have separate convictions. This gives you and your partner the opportunity to learn something about each other than could bring closeness to the relationship.
- 3. Agree to disagree: In the event that the political topic in question is too strong a subject for either of you to see the other's point of view, bridge the gap by agreeing to disagree. Remind yourselves that your love isn't solely based on that one topic. It is based on many other wonderful

characteristics. By learning to accept your partner this way, you also learn to love the good and bad in him/her.

How do you and your partner maintain your relationship when you both have different political beliefs? Comment below.