

For millennials, Clinton vs. Trump choice 'feels like a joke'

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FORT COLLINS, Colo. – Jo Tongue doesn't have much time for politics, but the Hillary and Trump show is hard to tune out. And even harder to take. To this 31-year-old mother of two, with a third on the way, the presidency should be an honorable office, but instead she feels "bummed that we're at a place where it all feels like a joke."

At the Panetta Institute for Public Policy in California, the summer interns are up on the issues. But Dominic Cicerone has a similar sense of foreboding. For him, the big issue is his own safety – he was afraid to go to the July 4 fireworks at Fisherman's Wharf because the Islamic State had released a video claiming San Francisco as a target – and neither candidate is easing his concerns.

Polling suggests the millennial generation will act much the same this November as it did four and eight years ago – by voting heavily for the Democratic nominee, though with a considerable share supporting a third-party candidate.

But in interviews this past week with more than 70 young voters in nine states from diverse backgrounds, lifestyles and careers, it is clear their mood is decidedly different from previous elections. Despite their varied lives, most of those interviewed shared a disgust with both Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump so intense that it is pushing many beyond disillusionment and toward apathy.

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