



# ALL SKINFOLK AIN'T KINFOLK

## *Skinfolk Salons' Conversation Starter*



## DISCUSSION PROMPTS

Now that you've seen the film, here are some discussion prompts to help you consider and think through what this film meant to you, your personal relationship to local and national politics and the issues that you hold close during this election season.

- “I thought having two black female candidates would be this sort of transformative moment where I felt that I was seen in a way that I hadn't been, but somehow it didn't really feel that way.”
- “Black women are tried and true as we've always been, particularly with our loyalty to Democrats showing up at the booth. It is a tradition I think we have that is important and I feel as if as a black person I have a debt that I owe to my ancestors.”
- How do you approach deciding who to support in an election? Where do you get your information?
- Are there certain experiences or issues stances that you look for in a candidate? What is more important to you as a constituent - process or product? I.e. what someone achieved vs how they achieved it?
- Have you ever supported a candidate that surprised your friends, family or broader community? What about your choice surprised them? Why do you think they assumed you might vote differently?

## MEDIA REPORTING

“The leanings of our local media publications, deeply deeply shape our discourse about these candidates in ways that haven't been as obvious with other races. We have two black candidates, we have two black female candidates, the vote for them is not split along racial and economic lines in ways that we can recognize. So what do we do? None of our stories hold up? This is a whole new genre.”

- How often do you feel like the media is reporting on candidates in a way that is helpful to you as a voter?
- If you could place yourself in the role of reporter on a campaign, what would you make sure to ask every candidate?
- Do you feel that the women candidates, and specifically black women candidates, are judged by a different set of criteria than their male counterparts?

## FURTHER RESOURCES AND READING

- [Black Women Turned Electoral Power into Political Power in 2018](#)
- [What Does This Country Demand of Black Women in Politics?](#)
- [My Candidate for Mayor Lost – But New Orleans Won Big](#)