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Silicon Valley's Indian entrepreneurs are divided between Trump and Hillary

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So who's winning the US presidential election - Donald Trump or Hilary Clinton? That you can only know after November 8 when the poll would take place. But the assumptions and guesses are already underway in Silicon Valley among the desi entrepreneurs.

Silicon Valley-based writer and Professor Vivek Wadhwa while talking to The Economic Times feels that the Trump's call of 'Make America Great Again' didn't has its desired result.

"People here are intelligent and value freedom, openness and tolerance. Trump's crazy, racist and anti-immigrant rhetoric is worrisome for people here," Wadhwa told the ET.

However, he admits there is a section of people in the Valley, including some Indian Americans, who are close to Trump supporters. "A small section of the Indian American community too are unfortunately being drawn to his anti-Muslim stance," Wadhwa told ET Magazine.

"There is much interest in the upcoming election due to the unique dynamic of the candidates. You often hear the buzz of conversation about the election, both at political events and also just in day-to-day engagement," Shefali Razdan Duggal, a prominent Democratic Party leader and Clinton aide, told the financial daily.

Rishi Kumar, a council member of Saratoga (a city in Silicon Valley) feels that the call by Sanders, who lost out in the Democratic nomination race, to continue the revolution has touched many young people.

"Young Indian Americans have begun to understand that politics is not dangerous or difficult to break into and it is a respected profession and provides us an opportunity to be of service. It is an open turf for someone willing to work hard and get engaged in the community, irrespective of skin colour," Kumar told the ET.