

Letters to the editor
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Politics is the life's blood of representative society. Those who ~~inject~~ inject poison, venom and nostrums of their own creation or adoption weaken and can kill representative society, which we have and some of use cherish. Those of us who do not in various disguises espouse an authoritarian society.

Gary Thompson's letter (of February 5) is a diatribe that does not respond to what I did say, apparently because he cannot, and does run on with his political beliefs which do not relate to what I wrote.

In order to accuse me of being an "elitist" he had to make up what I did not say and in fact had no way of knowing, "He is correct in assuming that I hold no letters, no doctorate or degrees."

He had to get that "elitist" line of the radical right in and he did it by having me say what I did not say.

Yet with this diatribe of his with all the invective in he he says that those of us who "cannot compete in the arena of ideas, they always resort to name calling hysteria in order to confuse the public...a lie told with great ~~gusto~~ volume is still a lie."

In this Mr. Thompson describes himself and his letter in which he had to make up what I did not say and so he could respond to what I did not say while giving the impression that he was doing that.

Anyone reading Mr. Thompson's letter can see immediately that he himself fits the dictionary meaning of "elite" and "elitist." "Elite are people regarded as superior in some way" and "elitist" is "advocating ~~and~~ ^{the} selecting and treating of certain people as an elite or regarding oneself as an elite."

From his letters he is the superior, he is the only one who knows and understands and all others are ignorant. He defines himself as an "elitist."

With a McCarthyite expression of what he wants believed. He reflects this further in saying; (again what I neither said nor implied), "I plead ~~guilty~~ guilty to not

having read the book on Hitler that Mr. Weisberg is so proud of completing." I expressed no pride and in fact I said I had not finished reading it. It also is more than "a book on Hitler."

He is a little less familiar with the Constitution than one reading his letter might believe, but he quotes it as an authority. He says of the Tenth Amendment what he probably heard from one of the multitude of radio hate-mongers he parrots, "All powers not specified were supposed to revert back to the individual states" (my emphasis).

What the Constitution actually says is, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States people."

If it is possible to see what is eating ^{Mr. Thompson} ~~him~~ through his political verbiage, he makes no reference to Section 8 of the Constitution's Article One, "to promote the ...general welfare."

As do all political extremist ^{Thompson} Mr. Thompson assumes what he neither knows nor had any way knowing, what my political beliefs are. I have always been a registered Democrat. I was a young adult when FDR, against whom the same allegations ~~was~~ were made, saved the country that way going to ^{pieces thanks} ~~pieces thanks~~ to Coolidge and Hoover, Republicans. But beginning with my first vote for FDR I cannot remember not splitting the ticket and voting for a some Republicans, until after Ronald Reagan's first term. I saw correctly what he was doing, a matter to which ^{Thompson} Mr. Thompson does not respond. He came in making the promises ^{we} ~~we~~ now hear again and instead of making the government smaller he made it bigger and instead of ending the national debt he greatly magnified it so that at the end of his second term he alone accumulated ^{three times} ~~more~~ more debt for all of us, Mr. Thompson ~~than~~ ^{that} all the presidents before him. ~~included the kind presidents before him.~~

Mr. Thompson reminds me of what it does not require a doctorate to understand, When ignorance is bliss ^{it's} ~~is~~ folly to be wise."

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No need to beg for forgiveness as a Republican

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Democrats say.
God speed Republicans, God speed.

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Harold Weisberg took me to task for a letter I wrote disagreeing with Roy Meachum's asinine comparison between the German Nazis and the congressional Republicans ("Startling parallels to the 1930s' authoritarianism," Jan. 22).

I was called ignorant, prejudiced and basically stupid for daring to dispute the pontifications of the mighty one. My heart bleeds. Moral and intellectual superiority must be a terrible burden for Mr. Weisberg to bear.

He is correct in assuming that I hold no letters, no doctorate or degree. The elitists use this as a yardstick by which to measure the worth of individuals. Those who do not measure up are considered little more than knuckle-dragging Neanderthals, incapable of cognizant thought.

As for my historical ignorance, it is because I do know the history of this nation and the principles upon which it was founded that leads me and my "ilk."

Because liberal Democrats cannot compete in the arena of ideas, they always resort to name calling hysteria in order to confuse the public. Although they do this with great gusto, a lie told with great volume is still a lie.

As for lecturing me about the founding fathers, it was a wasted effort. The founding fathers had in mind a nation based upon individual liberties and limited government. They understood that tyranny lies with centralized power and that is why the authority of the federal government was specifically spelled out.

All powers not specified were supposed to revert back to the individual states. The 10th Amendment has been usurped by liberals in order to insert governmental intrusion into the daily lives of everyone. This will change under Republican congressional rule.

I plead guilty for not having the book on Hitler that Mr. Weisberg was so proud of completing. Upon reflection, I concluded that his reading a book about Nazis no more qualifies him an expert on the subject than would my reading of Oliver Twist qualify me an expert in Victorian orphanages.

Neither longevity nor the books one reads makes one wise, especially if one would believe that which is not so. But since he recommended a book, so will I: George Orwell's "Animal Farm" for anyone who wants an insight to the socialist dogma that so many fools are willing to follow.

Mr. Weisberg can continue to feel ill of me. He can call me any number of adjectives and epithets that make him feel better. He can ridicule me and feel superior in every way. But in the end, the ignorant Gary Thompsons who are do despised by the elitists will not go away. Our number are legion. We don't have to beg forgiveness to exist. Never again will the words compromise and bipartisanship mean being allowed to agree with what