

Just Keep Looking Over Your Shoulder

I think I finally understand your editorial page's opposition to multiculturalism. The Wall Street Journal has a hard enough time dealing with dead white-male culture, and is terrified of the opportunity to commit a new set of gaffes.

As an example, I refer to the citation of Richard Hofstadter's book "The Paranoid Style in American Politics" in your Dec. 27 editorial "'JFK': The Movie." You cited this book by way of illustrating that paranoid Americans would rather blame their own government than the Communists for what is wrong with the world. For all I know, you may be correct (as may be the American people), but your citation is way off-base.

I have read Richard Hofstadter, and your editorial page is no Richard Hofstadter. The first half of his book was entitled "Studies in the American Right," and devotes considerable attention to virulent anti-communism as a key symptom of the paranoid style. I am sure your dead enemies are pleased by their posthumous ideological reconciliation with your editorial page.

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Frederick C. Klein's Jan. 7 On Sports column, "Bills on a Stampede Toward Minneapolis," contained an erroneous reference to Buffalo Bills Coach Marv Levy's academic background. He holds a master's degree in English history from Harvard University, not the University of Chicago.