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To the Editor:

Is this the time for the important segments of our news media to end the vendetta which they have carried against our elected President?

By our national election process, which is basically honest, he was elected by a considerable majority of those who made the effort to participate. At this time, since he has not been proven to be dishonest or incapable, he should be relieved of innuendo and inferences of wrongdoing by his disparagers.

On the national scene, several prestigious news publishing organizations have operated with parallel aims to produce our present situation. Those particularly obvious in this campaign objective are Time magazine, C.B.S. Television, the Parade magazine supplement and Jack Anderson, The Washington Post and The New York Times. The determined aims of these media units is easily recognized by any who follow their presentation of daily news events.

Along with their determination to discredit the President, we are suffering from a more serious blow to our national state. Large portions of our citizens are questioning the fundamental basis of our total way of life. Confidence in our institutions is being eroded seriously through continuous criticism by the news media spokesmen.

In the past decade we have experienced the hampering of our higher education system by militant student activity. Our national responsibility in honoring treaties has been depressed by extreme liberals and their campus followers. Rights of minorities have been inflated to the displacement of rights of the majority of our citizens.

We are presently faced with a serious depressant to our economy by the energy shortage situation. We have the lack of strong capable leadership for solution by our governmental agencies and civil institutions. In every instance, the news media have emphasized the difficulty and negative aspects and have never provided alternative or effective solutions.

Each of us has been aware of the most abhorrent, the most difficult, the most unsatisfactory experiences in our lives. Constant emphasis on the distasteful aspects has a depressing effect on our total life style. Our concern with our whole society assumes a negative reaction.

The greatest value our responsible news media can provide is positive, useful guidance. Our whole society regularly needs enlightened leadership, not a source of created despondency. Honest news reporting can present an optimistic view of our life style. It should not constantly emphasize the unhappy, dishonest, futile, harmful events in our experience or knowledge.

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