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To The Editor:

Fact-checking is straightforward. When something makes your blood boil, test whether it passes muster. Check your sources with https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/, which describes media sources' biases and accuracy. We can safely ignore an outlet like like oann.com (questionable source, factual: low). One like washingtonpost.com (left-center bias, factual: high), is trustworthy on facts, but might present bias in story choice/headlines.

To test a story, look to the fact-checkers. My favorites are FactCheck.org (least biased, factual: very high), Snopes.com (least biased, factual: high), and PolitiFact.com (least biased, factual: high).

Recent letters fail basic fact-checking. Sam Prentice reiterates claims that Biden promoted election fraud. Snopes says: False. (http://sauyet.com/link/1) It's like claiming the police's Homicide Squad is there to commit homicides. Or he misquotes Biden's, "I don't only need you to get me elected; I need you once I'm elected" by dropping the "only", which he would have discovered reading Politifact (http://sauyet.com/link/2). The rest is similarly absurd, but it's worth countering that the 81 million people voted either *for* the candidate who kept us safe by following health guidelines, or *against* the candidate whose superspreader rallies risked more deaths.

George Kitchin gets just one thing right. Snopes explains that yes, those notorious cages were built under Obama. (http://sauyet.com/link/3) But, as FactCheck points out (http://sauyet.com/link/4), Trump's blanket policy was what caused vast family separations. His claim about Gold Star families is laughable; see the Wikipedia page about it. (http://sauyet.com/link/5) So is suggesting that Trump only insulted reporters under massive provocation. Reporting demonstrable lies is not insulting. See, for instance, http://sauyet.com/link/6. Regarding his absurdities on the ACA and Covid: extraordinary claims require extraordinary proof. Where's his evidence?

And then there's Ed Kozlowski, the poor dear, who must have been bullied by a progressive during his childhood. His letter presents no actual facts to dispute.

Sincerely,

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