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Tranel helps people, deserves your vote

Rep. Travis Tranel, R-Cuba City, has my vote, and he should have yours.

Let me tell you why. Tranel truly is a man for the people. He is helpful and kind. His empathy for the people who struggled during the shutdown was very apparent to anyone who talked to him.

Tranel's office had no requirement to help me get my unemployment when the governor shut down the state and I was laid off. Tranel went above and beyond to get someone from unemployment to call me, since no one could get through on the phone lines. Tranel's office is the only reason I was able to get my unemployment straightened out. Despite the website telling me I needed to call them, they didn't have a call back service or enough staff members to assist people.

Tranel never stopped working for us. Please remember to vote Nov. 3 for Tranel.

Jess Herbers, Hillsboro

We respect voting results in America

We are a nation of laws. We may not always agree with those laws, but the basic foundation of our country is that we obey those laws - a policy that has allowed us to exist for over 200 years.

We may not always be happy with the results of an election. But no matter how we feel about those results, we agree as a nation that the results are valid. We agree the results will carry us through until the next election cycle.

Our current president is worried he will not be reelected, so he is trying very hard to circumvent this system, publicly claiming he may not accept the results of this election.

We are a nation of laws. We may not always be happy with the results of an election, but one of our basic tenets of government is the peaceful transition of power when the election results are in. Trying to sow discord and distrust of this tenet is not what our wise Founding Fathers intended. And we count on our elected officials to see that this peaceful transfer of power is once again completed after this election - no matter who wins.

Patricia M. Giesfeldt, Cottage Grove

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Not being careful is deplorable

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton in 2016 said half of Donald Trump's supporters were "deplorables." That is wrong. As individuals, these people do not deserve censure or contempt based on their views of what is best for our country. They, like all citizens in a democracy, have the right and obligation to contribute their opinions to the national debate.

In 2020, the failure of these supporters to accept and adopt behaviors proven to mitigate the risks for them and for others from COVID-19 - face masks, social distancing and avoiding crowds - is deplorable. Even more deplorable is the leadership of the Trump administration, the president's disregard for truth, and the failure of Republicans in Congress to hold him accountable for his many very deplorable actions.

Charles Strother, Madison

Republicans should vote for Biden

This is an appeal to conservatives and Republicans to join us in supporting Joe Biden for president.

I am not going to pretend that he is all that philosophically compatible with you, but I do think this is probably the most unique election of my lifetime. If ever an election called on voters to put country ahead of party, this is it.

The condition of the presidency itself is at stake this year. For 3 1/2 years, the office has been held by someone who behaves in a way that, if our 8-year-old children did, we would correct them. This includes his immature tweets, full of childish name-calling, his pathological lying and his pouting when he doesn't get his way.

I have worked with international students for almost 30 years, and I can tell you that respect for the United States is probably at an all-time low around the world.

As in every campaign, people are attempting to denigrate Biden, which is unfortunate. Biden is known as a really good and decent guy, which is why more than 30 former Republican members of Congress are supporting him.

Dick Schultz, Fort Atkinson

WeChat helps us connect with family

WeChat should not be banned in the United States. It provides easy-to-use and superior services at no cost to Americans communicating with friends and family around the world.

It offers not only texting but photo, live chat and video options. We used it while traveling in China and use it often now from the United States to keep in touch with our American son, his Chinese wife and my Chinese-American grandchildren. I can watch them as they play, do their school work and produce their artworks for us to admire. I can catch up with my son and his wife on the latest family news.

We have never encountered any political or security issues. We speak freely from both countries. We feel blessed to have this service available, especially when face-to-face visits are impossible. To restrict use of a communication medium that serves millions well is more than short-sighted. It is cruel.

But that is what we have become accustomed to from President Donald Trump and his party of hate. They think nothing of tearing apart families to serve their political biases. They continue to pick the low-hanging political fruits instead of sitting down with other countries to work out details on difficult issues.

Ulrike Dieterle, Madison

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