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**To the Editor (First Paragraph Rewritten and other paragraphs shortened)**

Re: *Yukio Kawamoto, Japanese American soldier whose parents were interned, dies at 99*  
(obituary)

Bart Barnes' obituary for Yukio Kawamoto discusses the Japanese internment, a critical event in American history, as if it only happened to non-citizens. He describes the internees under the blanket term "Ethnic Japanese," failing to capture the gravity of the US Government's offense: stripping US Citizens—ordinary Americans—of their rights and imprisoning them with absolutely no concrete evidence of wrongdoing.

The internment of the Japanese people living in America was an idea brewed up by the military after the attacks on Pearl Harbor based on largely made-up evidence. The government's excuse of every Japanese person being a "security threat" did not justify them going directly against the US Constitution. Even after the government internally acknowledged that there was no reason for it and the threat of invasion was over, the Japanese Americans stayed imprisoned.

When reflecting on World War Two and the atrocities that took place around the world, we often forget that there were incredible injustices happening within our own borders too. The words we use to talk about these events, especially in the public domain, are important. And it is our responsibility to be honest and spread the truth about what our country has hidden away in its past so that we can make sure it doesn't happen again.

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