

I am appalled by the Tulsa World's endorsement of Kevin Stitt for governor ("Tulsa World endorsement: In the race for governor, Kevin Stitt is the better agent of change," Oct. 21). I suppose it's unsurprising that a newspaper would endorse a local candidate, but the arguments made in the endorsement simply hang a lot on hope but not much on evidence. About all you can say in Stitt's favor is that he is younger and seemingly more energetic. But youth and energy without an intelligent plan will not bring Oklahoma to the place it seeks. We have tried to cut government for the past eight years; all it has given us is poor results in education, health care, business growth, environmental quality and personal income. Oklahoma cannot cut its way to excellence and prosperity. Stitt argues "and the Tulsa World seems to agree" that an outsider who has business experience and has taken radical stances on social and economic issues is what is needed to build Oklahoma. We have seen how that has worked in the national arena over the past two years: A government run by an outsider who had no government experience (and as a businessman headed a private company not answerable to a board of directors or stockholders "just like Stitt) has divided the country by taking radical positions, increased the national debt, trashed alliances with our friends and supporters and imposed tariffs on industries like agriculture and manufacturing that hurt Oklahoma. We do not need a governor in the same mold. Letters to the editor are encouraged. Send letters to [letters@tulsaworld.com](mailto:letters@tulsaworld.com). Subscribe to Daily Headlines Sign up! \* I understand and agree that registration on or use of this site constitutes agreement to its user agreement and privacy policy.