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To the Editor:

The correct term for a person born in or naturalized as a citizen of the United States of America is "American." The tendency over the past few decades to qualify one's citizenship is damaging to the cohesiveness that is essential to a nation's credibility, strength and security.

This penchant for diluting national identity is divisive, disruptive and dangerous.

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