

All she is saying, is give Trump a chance

To the editor:

I'm dumbfounded and dismayed that Democrats feel their party is honest, decent and full of integrity. They must have turned a blind eye and a deaf ear to the dishonest people in their swamp.

Lying in politics is nothing new. I do not condone this despicable behavior. Neither party, when it comes to what they want to shove down our throats, is ethical. Pot, don't call the kettle black.

Remember when the past president told the American people his new health care was going to be great, but if you liked what you had, you could keep it?

He said that pack of lies to the country and people like me lost what I liked and was forced into the mess he rammed through.

You can change the global warming title to climate change, but it's still not proven. Environmental protections are costing good-paying jobs many people need.

Do I like or feel Trump is the greatest? No. But he was the best we were offered and I'm willing to give him a chance. Maybe the Democrats should think harder when they protest what Trump is trying to do. He has a lot of faults but being a proud American isn't one of them. Putting Americans first isn't a crime.

Don't forget past Democrats have been constant and continual liars, too. That's why they lost the election. Have you forgotten the lies and disgrace brought upon the American people by their lies?

Resign yourself to Trump as president. Don't hold a grudge because the Democrats lost. Set a good example. The kind you want the other side to be later when they're voted out of office.

Kathy Bieser
De Soto

Add Medicaid cuts to list of Trump lies

To the editor:

There is one insurance plan in the United States that presently covers 49 percent of all births. Think about that – nearly half of all births are covered by this one insurance plan. It also covers 60 percent of all disabled children and 76 percent of all poor children (those below the poverty line) are covered by this insurance.

In fact, 40 percent of all children in America are covered by this insurance.

This plan importantly covers 30 percent of all adults who are disabled in this country. Most long-term care of elderly poor adults is covered by this insurance plus Medicare.

This one plan covers 75 million Americans. Even Medicare is not that big and certainly no private plan is that big.

The program that covers all of these Americans is Medicaid.

The U.S. Senate probably will have passed Trumpcare by now and the U.S. House will most likely agree. There will be celebrations nationwide led by the cheerleader-in-chief, No. 45.

And yet 75 million Americans will

be in jeopardy of losing their health insurance coverage because Trumpcare will make an \$800 billion dollar cut to Medicaid. It will be up to the states to fund the care for these Americans.

What state will be able to foot that bill? Certainly Missouri will not fund it.

This massive cut to the Medicaid program comes on the backs of the poor, the disabled, children and the elderly. Meanwhile it grants massive tax cuts to the wealthy who don't need it.

In May of 2015, Donald Trump told the conservative *Daily Signal* that he would not cut Social Security, Medicare or Medicaid. I guess we can add that lie to the excellent list of Trump lies supplied by writer Barbara Marco on June 22. God help us all.

Bunnie Gronborg
Festus

Kill bill – before it kills 27,000 of us

To the editor:

Finally, there's death. A new study in the *New England Journal of Medicine* reviewed rigorous analyses of the relationship between health care coverage and mortality. The study found that one fewer death occurs each year for every 830 people who gain health insurance.

If 23 million people lose health insurance because of the Senate bill, as is expected, premature deaths could rise by 27,000 a year. But at least the rich will get their tax cut.

Susan LaBarge
House Springs

Some political lies from the other side

To the editor:

After reading Barbara Marco's June 22 letter, I felt that it was worthy of a response from the "deplorable" side.

She listed some lies that she claimed president Trump allegedly told, that have not as yet been proven.

I would like to counter by relating some whoppers that Obama, as well as Hillary told, that have been proven. But did you hear any Democrat condemn them? No, because they were the Democrat darlings. Below is a partial list.

Obama: "You can keep your doctor,

you can keep your health care insurer; you will lower your costs; the Benghazi attack was caused by an internet video."

Clinton: "I set up my own computer server so I would only need one device; I turned over all the government emails; I never sent or received classified emails."

Other relevant emails she either destroyed or "lost," violating the espionage laws. She lied to Congress and the FBI about her illegal server, exposing classified secrets, and she lied to the general public to hide what she did. She also lied, along with Obama, about the whole Benghazi affair and how it was handled. Then she added the infamous question on TV, "What difference does it make?" What difference indeed. Four unnecessary lives lost, including that of an ambassador.

The Democratic bureaucracy still left in the government has been exerting Herculean efforts trying to find examples of wrongdoing in the Trump Administration, and alleged "conflicts of interest."

It would be nice if they would expend some of that energy investigating the Clinton multimillion dollar "charitable" foundation that they still controlled, even during the tenure of the Clinton State Department. The "pay for play" activities were well known, but was there an outcry about that?

So, Ms. Marco, those who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones.

Burton Hintermeister
De Soto

She's spitting mad about Hwy. M delay

To the editor:

Please put some heat on the repairs to re-open Hwy. M at Barnhart which was closed by a mudslide in early May.

All these big trucks from the quarry and blacktop carriers are going through Main Street in Imperial. The fire department and emergency medical vehicles have to go down Old State Road because Main Street is jammed all the time. Please open one lane of Hwy. M to relieve some traffic on Imperial Main.

School will be starting in August and all of that traffic will be going on Main Street. There should be some kind of emergency procedure to open Hwy. M.

Everyone is sick of this crap.

Shirley Schilling
Barnhart

McCarthy responds: He is not Republican

To the editor:

Regarding the June 22 column on the supposed "witch hunt" of County Executive Ken Waller, I am one of the seven petitioners seeking his recall.

I am not affiliated with any party – I am an independent populist who proudly votes for the standard of smaller government.

The opinion expressed that a witch hunt is underway because the paper sides with the authority, in this case, the county executive.

It is my populist upbringing which concludes that all citizens should take it upon themselves to watch and speak out when "the powers-that-be" try to shackle the citizens. Vigilance is the watchword and the folks should be mindful of encroaching government and "fiat decrees" which outflank their elected representatives.

Although the *Leader* has called on its readers in an opinion a few issues ago to come up with a "third party alternative," nothing really materialized.

In the past there has been some movement toward a breakup of the two monopoly parties.

Were the words just what they seem or was promoting that just a cover for one of those parties?

Dan D. McCarthy
Hillsboro

(Editor's note: The populist Mr. McCarthy has run for office in the past variously as a Democrat, a Republican and a Libertarian.)

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