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Your view: Letters to the editor

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Critical of columns

Two opinion columns (Globe, Jan. 10) caught my attention. The first was John Crisp's column on Dylann Roof and capital punishment. The second was Kathleen Parker's column on facts vs. ignorance.

While I was reading Crisp's article, I was reminded of a short story by George Orwell titled "The Hanging." The story delivered a blow-by-blow account of what was going on in the prisoner's mind up to the hanging. The intent was to convince people that capital punishment was a bad thing. Orwell didn't convince me, and neither does Crisp. In all fairness, Crisp and others are having a real problem with the Roof case because there is no doubt of his guilt and the hideous nature of the crime. I have no problem with trying him on Tuesday and hanging him on Saturday. I felt the same way about Charles Manson, but the judge and jury wanted to feed and clothe him, fix his teeth, doctor his sick body, provide a roof over his head and protect him from the elements, all while the taxpayer paid the bill for such nonsense.

Capital punishment was never intended to be a deterrent to capital crimes. It was intended to punish the offender, and to ensure the public justice was done and that the offender would never kill again.

Kathleen Parker says that despite the fact that different people have different beliefs, we are all the same. No, Ms. Parker, we are all different. There are bad people in this world, and if Ms. Parker can't tell the difference by observing their actions or reading their manifestoes, I can't help her.

Ms Parker would like for us to agree with her that if we can respect the ideals and beliefs of others, we are enlightened souls. No, Ms. Parker. If we agreed with you, we would have to say those who sided with the Nazis or the communists in Russia or Cuba were enlightened souls.

We know the goals of the communists, the goals of the radical Islamists, the goals of American patriots, and they are certainly not all the same. The fact that you and a country full of people who cannot predict what Donald Trump will say or do and find such behavior intolerable is, to me, humorous.

Trump is like the pudding; the proof of its value comes after it is eaten. The proof of Trump's ability to lead this country will come as he makes decisions that affect America and Americans. Perhaps Trump won't go around the world apologizing for America. Perhaps he will do something if another American ship is bombed while in harbor. Hide and watch, Ms. Parker. Hide and watch.

David Turner

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Concerned about future

I am certain that I am among many Missouri residents who are concerned about the future of available and affordable health care insurance.

As Congress starts to discuss, debate and negotiate what to do with Obamacare, in my daily work as a nurse practitioner, I am listening to our local parents speak of their worry in providing health care coverage for their children. They think that some way or another with even the slightest change in the Affordable Care Act, insurance companies may be able to return to denying coverage or to charging one group of people more than other.

Discounts to assist in paying premiums can be eliminated. It is simple to understand that without very careful thought in any change or repeal of Obamacare, recipients of Medicare, Medicaid and those people with private insurance coverage could be affected either in cost or access to affordable health care insurance. We should encourage U.S. Sens. Roy Blunt and Claire McCaskill to continue to work for all Missourians during this legislative session.

Debbie Smith

Webb City

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Mr. Turner proves that the letter carrier from the asylum does get to make the rounds. Ms Smith should write to Dirty Roy Blunt who we are seeing in TV today standing right in the midst of the zealots who will take healthcare away from tens of thousands just in Missouri alone. I'm surprised that he can break away from his \$70,000 entrance fee country club to bother to go work. Of course he's doing the work of the Party and could care less about Missourah that he only visits occasionally when collecting votes from the goobers.

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