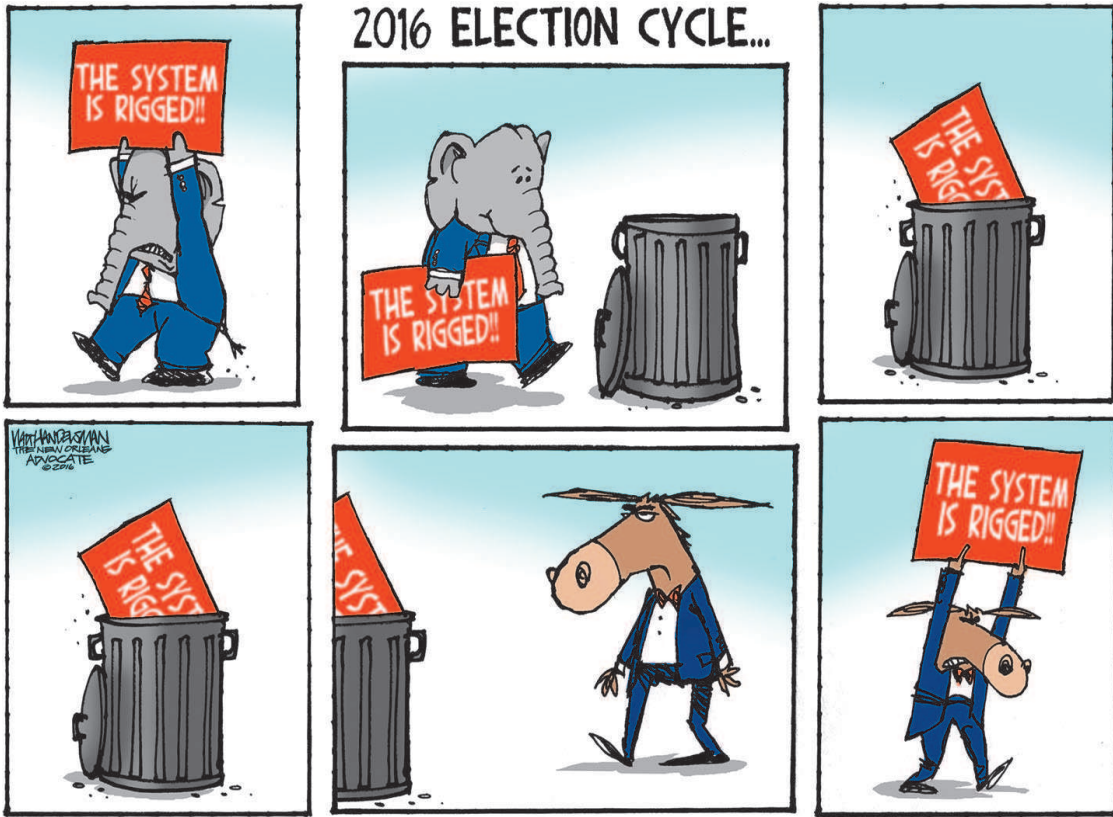


# O P I N I O N



## Letters to the Editor...

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To the Editor:

We have been blessed by a community that honors and remembers America's veterans.

And yesterday, we were doubly blessed by one young man from the high school who took it upon himself to show respect, honor and love to veterans in the community. Yesterday, I answered the door to find an impressive young person who desired to do something, all on his own, for veterans.

He stated that Coach (Steve) Hodges had told him a veteran lived here and he came to bring us a pie. He said he had every kind of pie and we could choose.

I had the misunderstanding that this was a team event, never dreaming that Daniel Stroemple had taken this on, out of his own heart of respect, as a personal "thank-you" to veterans he had never met.

I can't find enough words of gratefulness

to Daniel for the act of honor and kindness he brought us.

And HOPE! As we have been watching rioting and anger around the country, Daniel was a ray of light for the future. I am so thankful for you, Daniel. You embody the goodness that America needs. God bless you!

Marilyn Kinsey



To the Editor:

The morning after the election my 21-year-old son posted this. Not all millennials are devoid of what is happening. His permission has been given to share this.

"I am not one to post statuses to ... but in the wake of last night's election there are a few things I am compelled to say. First of

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### Sisters Weather Forecast

Courtesy of the National Weather Service, Pendleton, Oregon

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Chance rain/snow 41/23	Mostly sunny 43/24	Partly sunny 43/29	Chance rain 44/33	Chance rain 46/32	Chance rain 46/na

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## People not partisans

By Sheryl Rudolph  
 Correspondent

This election cycle has deeply divided our country. I find this truly disturbing and completely counterproductive. There are serious divisions not only between the two major parties, but within them as well. Half the country is elated with giving Washington a candidate perceived as a change agent. The other half is in disbelief, shock and pain. Many people of color and religions outside of white Anglo-Saxons and Christianity are afraid; our economy sputters; our bridges and roads crumble; our challenges — physically and emotionally — mount exponentially.

As a caring citizen, I don't want to see our leaders fight. I want to see them FIX our deep divide and socio-economic problems. I am appalled when I see our representatives refuse to deal with an issue or adjourn for months without solving the main problems of the day. As a former small business owner, I did not go home when the going got tough. I had to compromise, work through differences and come up with the best possible solution. In short, I had to do my job. Government has to have this same attitude. Our elected officials must be held accountable to work together and find compromise across the aisle to end the government gridlock.

My desire to see problems solved is why I am exploring ways to make my voice heard in Washington. This is why I am interested in [www.nolabels.org](http://www.nolabels.org). This group is composed of Republicans, Democrats, Independents — affiliates of all parties are welcome. No Labels calls for fixing over fighting and for solving problems through a process that starts with shared goals. Agreeing to a goal (job creation, Social Security solvency, addressing climate change, health coverage for all to name a few); then negotiating the details necessary to achieve the goal is a smart process that works. America's leaders need to adopt this approach. They must not be allowed to hold smart solutions hostage for partisan

purposes any longer. What is No Labels? I quote from their website:

"In December of 2010 over 1,000 citizens from each of the 50 states gathered in New York to launch a movement — No Labels was founded that day as a way of channeling the nation's frustration with the Beltway's idea of business as usual into a productive effort to change D.C.'s way of doing things, while offering dozens of constructive solutions to the nation's problems along the way. Since then, No Labels has been working to bring a new politics of goals-focused problem solving to our government. While many outside political groups are working to push our leaders apart, No Labels was the first organization to call on our leaders to come together to focus on fixing America's most pressing problems. No Labels has never called for people to entirely shed their party affiliations.

"As long as they are intellectually honest, we respect conservatives, liberals, and anyone in between who has a sincere desire to address the nation's problems. No Labels supports a diversity of viewpoints; we think it's one of America's strengths."

No Labels has researched consensus goals that are important to the majority of Americans and compiled them into a National Strategic Agenda. Now our leaders need to acknowledge these areas of agreement and commit to the hard work of negotiating the policy details needed for action to reach these goals.

Leaders in Congress from both parties must be held accountable by we the people who put them in their jobs, to work together and with our President toward achieving our shared goals for America.

I urge every American to step forward and be part of the solution for our country. Demand our representatives in government work together and find compromise and solutions to better the lives of all Americans and the world. Make your voice heard be it through No Labels or another avenue. Make our government do its job.

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