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airports with noise abatement procedures that are not only highly effective, but they convey to the non-aviation public genuine concern. I flew a jump plane out of Littleton, Colorado, and we would never have dreamed of dropping parachutists within three miles of the airport traffic area, which I maintain is extremely dangerous to the parachutist and the unknowing aircraft that is not even required to have a radio. It doesn't matter if the FAA has no regulation against it. The FAA is at odds frequently with the NTSB (and many knowledgeable pilots).

I have tried to introduce a half-dozen noise abatement suggestions to principals involved but so far unsuccessfully.

I support aviation at the Sisters Airport, but I have to also acknowledge the persons that perceive the beloved sound to my ears to nonetheless be noise to them.

Jack Addison



To the Editor:

In response to Yvonne Suckow's letter in the February 22 edition of *The Nugget*: To be absolutely clear, Trump did not win the majority of votes, he won the electoral college. What's further confusing is you've written a letter that is drenched in negativity and end it by saying "This country doesn't need your negativism!"

You aren't asking those "appalled" by Trump's election to join you in this transformative victory, you're threatening them to accept it "or go live in those countries [they] love so much that support terrorism and socialism."

It's an interesting approach to unity, but if you are fully convinced that Trump will achieve all the things you mention why in the world would you be so bothered by those that don't share your opinion? Get over it and prepare yourself for greatness!

Phillip Goetzinger



To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the February 22 letter to the editor by Yvonne Suckow. I want to remind her of two things: First, we live in a democracy. The First Amendment guarantees free speech. If we

have to support a president we fundamentally disagree with, a dictatorship, not a democracy, comes to mind.

Second, the majority did NOT vote for Trump. Yes, he won the most electoral votes, but he did not win the popular vote. This is not a public mandate. Additionally, if Russian involvement to sway the election took place (potentially with the help of the Trump campaign team—so let's investigate and rule that out) it would certainly put a dark stain over his win.

Releasing his taxes would go a long way to ruling out conflicts of interest with his many overseas businesses and lay *that* hornets' nest to rest.

I love my country. I love it enough to work within our system of government to express my concerns and make my voice heard. Yea for America! I resent the suggestion that dissent makes me any less American than Suckow. Quite the opposite.

One thing we can agree upon, the USA doesn't need any more negativism. Name-calling and criticizing people for exercising their rights as citizens are acts of negativity. Wouldn't it be better if both conservatives and progressives treated one another with respect — agreeing to disagree at the very least — but with the intent of finding ways in which we can work together to govern for ALL the people?

Robin Lewis Kane



To the Editor:

I was so happy to read about the informative, courteous town meeting held by our U.S. Senator Wyden last week at Sisters High School. Those of us who choose to participate in this democracy have been through a contentious and cloudy election, where we have been overwhelmed by unprecedented amounts of information, true and false. How great it was to hear directly from a hardworking public servant of Oregon, have him answer our questions, to participate in this continuing and robust national conversation.

It was then with a sinking heart that I read the letter to the editor on the next page, belittling and insulting to ostensibly half of our little town.

The truth is that only 58 percent of eligible voters went to the polls in November, we all know by now that Donald Trump was elected president, but certainly not by a majority. I think it is understandable that statistics like this can cause a little uproar.

If this election motivates people to organize, communicate, even consider acts of non-violent civil disobedience, I'm for it; it is the very essence of being an American. The right to speak up for what we believe truly is the freedom we have fought and paid for with American lives for the past 200 years.

President Obama left the White House with a 57 percent approval rating from the American public (not just people who voted). The catastrophe Yvonne speaks of is real for her, but not for everyone, and certainly not for the majority of Americans.

In a small town like Sisters we have a unique opportunity to model the behavior we would like to see in Washington. I am sorry Yvonne cannot see that — rather than disparaging one another with hurtful vitriol after a tough election — we instead can choose to build meaningful connections through music, church, food, cultural events, sports, volunteering etc. When we reach out to each other we stop seeing the liberal, or right-wing, caricatures that we are bombarded with in certain media or that are referenced in her letter, we can instead build a strong supportive community, the real Sisters Country we all love.

Susanne Redfield



To the Editor:

I concur wholeheartedly with the February 8 letter from Wendie Vermillion in regards to what seems a blatant disregard for the approximately 3.2 million women and men who participated in a world-wide march in protest of President Trump's policies.

I understand that, in general, *The Nugget* does not report on world or even national events (other than in editorials or commentaries); keeping closer to home in regards to events happening in Sisters, or Oregon in general. However, even given that criteria, the fact that there were marches consisting of hundreds, if not thousands, of people held in Bend, Portland, and other Oregon cities and towns, I feel that this was certainly an event worth noting in *The Nugget*.

President Trump has often complained about the press being biased — let us hope that this is not what is happening in *The Nugget*.

Michelle Tormey

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