

Letter to the Editor: Vote with everyone's future in mind

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Editor,

On Nov. 6, everyone is counting on *you* to make it to the polls and cast *your* ballot. Since I have already voted, I encourage you to do the same as if your life depended on it since our future is hanging in the balance as it is.

All "Native American" tribes have the most to lose if the Republican GOP gains anymore political ground.

There is the threat of the Donald Trump administration who recently stole the tribal homelands of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe who could not prove they were "under the jurisdiction" of the Federal Government in 1934.

Under Trump, we can expect to see the treaties abrogated; all reservation boundaries lines dissolved; the authority of tribal courts stripped and our "sovereignty" challenged while multi-national corporations are given the carte blanche to exploit, pillage and plunder the natural resources that are on our homelands.

The spectacle of the voter's rights suppression is growing as it has taken foot hold on reservation lands with Native Americans who cannot provide a rural home address and receive their mail via a Post Office box address. The same process began with the right to obtain an identification or driver's license and extends to all Americans.

The Republican GOP cheer themselves on with preposterous claims of economic development without foresight and like Trump, continue to mislead voters with lies, innuendos and accusations even while they cannot stand under public scrutiny. This reckless spending of our hard-earned tax-payer dollars has led America to the budgets that would add \$8.3 trillion in four years and increase the U.S. debt to \$25 trillion.

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White House leadership of an “Anchor Baby”; Trump’s mother (Mary Anne MacLeod) was an immigrant from born in the Outer Hebrides of Scotland. His 17-year-old mother would not have been allowed into America and Trump, along with his eight siblings would not have been granted “Birthright citizenship”, also commonly known as “jus soli”, which means that a person is granted citizenship at birth. Out of the 194 countries 30 countries grant citizenship by unrestricted jus soli.

The hate, division and violence that is preached and practiced by Trump and his followers is evident by the fact that he claims to be a “Nationalist” and refuses to denounce the killings that have taken place by “White Nationalists” with 30 incidents this year so far that have killed 180 people including the 11 recently at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA.

I voted so the filthy rich “One Percenters” cannot hoard the wealth of America and give themselves another tax break they DO NOT need and give the rest of us MORE DEBT coupled with higher taxes, undermine our healthcare system and education, allow our roads and bridges to deteriorate, make sure we have food insecurity, cut the budgets of our law enforcement and first responders and suppress our right to vote.

VOTE on Nov. 6, but vote with everyone's future in mind.

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