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Misinformation campaign

Colin Kaepernick did not start a misinformation campaign. The Republican right started a misinformation campaign against him, misinformation that continues to be spread by ignorant people today. The president and the Republicans know he is not protesting America, the flag, the national anthem, all police or the military, but they can't create a scapegoat admitting that so they have to lie about what is really a protest about the rise of racism and social injustice under our nation's current leadership.

The sudden rise in Nike sales after they used Kaepernick in a commercial demonstrates how most Americans really feel about the right's despicable smear campaign.

Jeremy Dominguez, Lucerne Valley

Ugly motives

Once again conservatives accuse others of wanting to exploit the uneducated, uninformed and unskilled in an effort to gain power when it is so obvious that this is what they are doing, lying to the ignorant and gullible to dupe them into believing that those trying to help them are the enemy while those working to keep them down are their friends.

If you support rational immigration laws and humane treatment of immigrants, you want unfettered immigration, amnesty, open borders, and the elimination of ICE. If you support public schools, affordable housing and health insurance and wages American families can actually live on, you support a socialist agenda of free everything and want to make people dependent on government. None of this is true, but that doesn't matter to those believing and repeating these lies.

Meanwhile, the Republicans, mostly rich white men, want to eliminate any programs designed to help working class Americans (low minimum wage, no unions, cut Social Security), help Americans stay healthy (cut food aid, repeal the Affordable Care Act, cut disability benefits and veterans benefits) and undermine women's rights and freedoms (no equal pay, no affordable childcare, overturn Roe v. Wade). All they want is more tax cuts for the richest Americans.

They also want to keep their minions stupid and scared by denying science, cutting funding for higher education, eliminating sex education and revising history to reflect their beliefs, eliminating unpleasant parts of our nation's history like slavery, segregation and genocide against Native Americans, and demonizing those who don't believe as they do. Texas recently voted to eliminate Eleanor Roosevelt and Hillary Clinton, among others, from their schools' history curriculum.

This is the agenda and ugly motives we should be concerned about.

Neil Walden, Hesperia

Upcoming election

I am writing to the paper to express my opinion that Joseph Brady is one of the finest persons in the High Desert and highly recommend that he be reelected to the Victor Valley College Board of Trustees.

Mr. Brady is personally known to me and he is a man of integrity. He is straightforward in his dealings and is a friendly, outgoing, responsible person who is willing to listen and act in the best interest of the students who attend this school.

He is tireless in his willingness to give of his time, energy and talents and deserves the right to a seat on the Board.

Pat Hanson, Apple Valley

Foreign countries' holidays

Several people keep telling me why do you comment on these ignorant writers who don't have facts, only their stupid opinions? I only shrug my shoulders and say they have a right to their opinions. I really don't blame them for their ignorance. I blame our government, and our educational system. Why? Because since our independence from England, America has become and continues to be overly proud, and very pompous! They have chosen not to teach the history of the western hemisphere, the world, or true American history, as millions of us have also gone through ignorant of these histories.

Therefore these people spout only what they know, whether correct, wrong or whatever!

How many times have any of you gone to Central Mexico? I have been all over Mexico at least six times, never to a single resort! Have any of you heard of "Los San Patricios"? For your information these American (Catholic) soldiers of Irish birth deserted because of mistreatment by American (Protestant) officers and soldiers, joined and fought for the (Catholic) Mexican Army! See the true movie "One Man's Hero." The Mexican people have been paying tribute to these men and their flag on St. Patrick's Day since that time!

Try reading the "Conquest of the New World" by Bernal Diaz Del Castillo. If nothing else, read one of my published books available at all S.B. County Libraries, and local high schools including and several museums. Or you can remain ignorant and wallow in your plantation mentalities.

God bless America!

Felix G. Diaz, Victorville

Billions for a slow train?

A writer recently wrote that Jerry Brown's \$77 billion price tag for high-speed rail would be better spent on California's crumbling highways and sagging bridges. I agree.

Why spend that kind of money on a train with a top speed of only 120 mph?

Look at the world's fastest passenger trains:

Japan: 361 mph

France: 357 mph

China: 302 mph

Germany: 270 mph

Spain: 251 mph

Italy: 225 mph

UK: 208 mph

S.Korea: 190 mph

Taiwan: 186 mph

Russia: 175 mph

Amtrak is not even on the list of the top ten!

So let's fix up the important things in our state!

Harold Pollner, Apple Valley