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Media thrive on racial conflict

Protesting to shed light on injustice is a right protected in this country by the Constitution. Therefore it is sad to see it directed and perverted by the upper-class owners of the broadcast media.

They love to see conflict and division along racial lines, which is a nice, effective diversion from the true class division that is wrecking the middle class as we become a two-class society. It is doubly great for them — the manipulated conflict is broadcast 24/7 as some sort of cheap-to-produce “reality” show with the good guy and bad. Is it Ferguson or “The Truman Show”?

Not to say there is no police militarization at odds with human rights and the Bill of Rights — there is. But the truth is there will be — and should be — no indictments in Ferguson.

There should be a grand jury indictment for the illegal choke-hold, and shooting a 12-year-old with a toy gun is criminal, typical of the militarized police.

Two groups have been working on this and have produced reports documenting the problems. They are the ACLU and the CATO Institute. The reports are online and should read by all to see the real problems — not some made-for-TV version of reality.

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