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## Letters to the editor

Nikki Haley

Because you said so doesn't make it correct

When I perused your editorial on Sunday, which was flagrantly derisive of our state's governor ("Because I Said So, That's Why"), I concluded that a simple retort in the comment section would not suffice.

The author besmirched Nikki Haley for having the courage to do precisely what she was elected to do. Further, this is my first letter to the editor; will you have the courage to print it?

It's interesting that the author used "vinegar" in a feeble attempt at an opening analogy. Vinegar not only adds flavor to many foods, but its chemical properties also make it a useful cleaning agent. Likewise, Haley not only adds a tasteful dignity to our state's highest office, but her steadfast resolve helps to expose and will eventually assist in cleansing our state of the whimpering, do-nothing legislators.

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columnists

Williams shilling for billionaires

Re "Hate-filled columns help nobody," June 4 letter by Norman Winkler

Among the odious stable of pundits published by the Sun News, it has got to be common knowledge that Michelle Malkin is well compensated for being a raving lunatic, and Bill O'Reilly's merely a dishonest clown. Let's not forget the Zionist neocon Charles Krauthammer, who appears to have a terminal case of Obama Deranged Syndrome, nor the elderly reactionary Cal Thomas, who's been polluting public discourse since the Nixon era.

More insidious, however, is Walter Williams, who hides behind a veneer of respectability as an "economics professor at George Mason University." When we lived in northern Virginia I often wondered why it was that GMU was notorious for employing so many radical libertarian economists. As it happens, most if not all of the economics department at that school are bought and paid for by the corrupt billionaires Charles and David Koch, the pair who bankroll the bogus tea party movement, and whose slimy tentacles permeate many facets of government, industry and academia. Over the years they've provided GMU with tens of millions of dollars in grants specifically to hire people like Walter Williams, who indoctrinates students with right wing propaganda. It must only be a coincidence that Williams is on the payroll of the pro-corporatist Cato Institute and the ultraconservative Heritage Foundation, two other Koch Brothers favorites. What a wonderful position from which to decry unions, living wages, job security, restrictions on competition and all those other things that keep the rich from having cheaper servants.

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