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How About Honest Discussions?

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I'm tired of reading misleading op-eds. Just today there was one op-ed and one letter to the editor that were deliberately misleading.

In "Welfare Can Make More Sense Than Work" [Aug. 13], Michael Tanner of the Cato Institute (no bias there!) pretends that all financial aid would end if a mother on welfare got a minimum-wage job. Six of the seven programs he cited would be available for impoverished workers, so he's not even comparing apples to oranges, he's comparing apples to orange peels and pretending they're oranges.

The letter, "Writer Wrong About CO₂" states that global temperatures have not increased since 1998. That year was the third hottest year on record, with the other nine of the hottest 10 years occurring after that date. Any discussion of global temperatures that begins in 1998 is using that date in order to mislead.

We, as a society, cannot find solutions if we can't even discuss issues honestly.