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## Culture wars are short on common sense

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Remember the “perfect storm” of 2020-21: George Floyd’s killing, controversial presidential candidates, destructive violence during 2020, and the 2021 U.S. Capitol break-in. Chaos, confusion, and bitterly divisive “culture wars” resulted.

One battlefield was the recent debt ceiling debate. Republicans claimed victory because they managed to attach conditions to the approval. While the increase passed easily, far more democrats than republicans voted approval. That begs the question. With the legislation apparently more popular with democrats than with republicans, was the months-long debate contrived and unnecessary?

Left and right extremes controlled the narrative. These minority factions are large and loud enough to dominate the choice of issues and arguments. The moderate majority in America quietly despairs that our world is being “turned upside down.” Unfortunately, fear of the dreaded “cancel culture” quieted them.

If left alone, America’s moderate majority could effectively sort out most wedge issues. They knew that America’s majority approved a compromise abortion solution. Sadly, we’ve been left with a battle between extremes – unlimited abortion rights vs. the “under-no-circumstances” crowd.

This majority understands that surveillance technology supporting a border barrier is the best way to sort out our border problems. Using common sense, they could lead us through the gender/locker room/Title IX confusion. And womanhood wouldn’t become an abstract concept under their watch.

Most Americans understand the pathway to clean energy must include nuclear power, the ultimate green energy source. And no commonsense approach to law enforcement could permit shoplifting havens.

Let’s give the moderate American majority a voice.