

by such a measure.

Like many issues, voting boils down to "freedom." Freedom is almost always the answer, no matter what the question is.

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Online petition against Black Lives Matter is preposterous

The article "Online petition calls for government to declare Black Lives Matter a terrorist organization" (online July 11) by Ashley Lisenby was not worth the time it took to report it. Our situation in America calls for our media as well as our government to refuse to focus on preposterous claims, arguments and accusations, while focusing on discussions of debt and weight that make positive change highly probable.

The reality of our situation is that All Lives Matter, but injustice with regard to the prosecution of some police officers, simply because they are police officers or because they are white, is clearly wrong. The Black Lives Matter movement was originated out of this disparity just as Mothers Against Drunk Driving was a result of the senseless killing of innocent people by irresponsible intoxicated citizens.

Let's face the reality of our current landscape in America: Because of the mindset and actions of our citizens each day, tragedies are occurring placing us all at risk. We have the power to change this, but it requires putting our best effort toward identifying the source of our problems, identifying viable solutions and strategically planning and implementing our remedies.

But to spend time on ridiculous arguments is a slap in the face of all American citizens. Our media and our government must lead in finding and applying solutions to this genocidal course we are on.

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Police, residents should cooperate to keep neighborhoods safe

I do understand the movement behind Black Lives Matter. Yes, they certainly do. In

Need a national day for race relations

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Regarding "Where do we go from here?" (July 10):

To advance our collective awareness, the president should issue a proclamation designating a day in August as "Race Relations Day." When we consider the panorama of our nation's race-related history, knowing a day exists to join and come together is not only long overdue, but would help stop the backward momentum and serve as part of the foundation for moving forward.

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Israeli military promotes spirit of inclusion

Thank you so much for writing about the advantages of employing people with autism because of their special skill set ("Autistic workers make good employees," Jobs section, July 10).

Post-Dispatch readers may find it interesting that the Israeli military has a special unit for soldiers with autism. According to an article in The Atlantic, their "extraordinary capacities for visual thinking and attention to detail" make some autistic soldiers exceptionally good at analysis of high resolution satellite photography — skills essential for modern warfare.

Readers may also wish to note that the Israel Defense Forces are listed by LGBT groups as among those most welcoming to LGBT soldiers, and that the IDF has also made a special effort to find places for soldiers with physical disabilities and with special needs.

It appears the Israeli military has learned "not dis-abled but differently abled." Hopefully, one day we here in the U.S. can continue to learn the same thing.

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