

 **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**
SAD COMMENTARY
on
OUR POLITICAL DIVIDE!



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Here's what provoked me:

Sometimes I think newspapers put in letters to the editor that are intended to demonstrate the fringes of our political opinions. That serves a purpose in exposing pockets of hatred in our country. I came across one such letter that demonstrates a disgusting approach taken by a writer who is bitter and full of hatred. Read on!

Here's my response:

Sad commentary on our political divide!

On 9-13 Don Janda presented a disgusting and hateful statement about his feelings toward Senator John McCain. We all know McCains story, and this is truly the most extreme attack on him I have observed. McCain made a joint appearance on CNN with Jay Carney the night of Obama's announcements regarding ISIS.

Janda stated: "The pretend hero of Vietnam wrote his own version of what he fantasized had he been president he stopped every few seconds to call J. Carney a liar a hotshot pilot shot down by ignoring combat procedures, then imprisoned in Hanoi. He refused early release, possibly more afraid of his daddy, (the admiral) than the Vietcong."

The debate was animated with clear disagreement, but the word liar was never used. Readers should go online to view the encounter. Agree or disagree with either person, it was a good exchange of their respective positions.

I'm sure Janda considers himself a committed observer of current events, perhaps even a public policy "junkie." On behalf of all of us pundits and political "junkies" who see the value of animated disagreement and useful debate, I apologize for such a disgusting example of one corner of our political divide.