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FORCING POLITICS AND ECONOMICS INTO NEAT LITTLE BOXES – DON'T!

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A letter writer on March 29 conjured up a tidy political/economic theory of the world by fitting capitalism, socialism, Marxism or communism into neat little boxes. The result is a conflation of economics and politics, but obviously satisfies a need to defend “democratic socialism.”

The writer ends up with rationalized justification to support those Democrat candidates claiming the “democratic socialism” label. After-all, isn’t that the system that uses the best of all worlds? In fact, the writer tells us democratic socialism is what we have now, so “not to worry” about associating the United States with the “socialist” label.

In an attempt to tie up a “pesky loose end” called Venezuela, the writer reminds us: “.....socialism did not bring down Venezuela. It is failing because of corruption, poor financial management, and the erosion of human rights guarantees.”

The writer is ignoring important elements of our form of government. Venezuela failed because the politicians succumbed to greed, and became tyrants. The corruption, mismanagement, and brutality towards others, occurred because there were none of the protections our governance system provides, i.e. power from the people, and governmental checks and balances.....including the Democrats’ nightmare, the Electoral College.