

## Make government prove its worth

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To the editor:

I have been seriously thinking of history and the present.

What happened to people giving up some of their luxuries to support the troops during war? Everyone is so busy bad mouthing the war. Let me remind folks, evil does not go away of its own accord. Someone has to enforce rule and order in society, from the local police on up to the U.S. Military.

I guess with the political correctness (warm and fuzzy) mode we are in today, you have to become a bad guy to get rid of the evil guy. So call me a bad guy because I don

National health care I do not want to pay one more dime to Congress until they prove they can fix some of the programs they already have. Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, the education system, USDA (beef inspectors), immigration, lost money for the war and let us not forget the intelligence they think they have that is not real but fiction. There really are too many to list.

Why feed Congress our hard-earned dollars to implement another program when they can

Are we out of our minds? Congress sent men to war without the proper equipment and then they have wounded troops coming home to a disgusting VA hospital system. Why put money into another government program?

I suppose, we should all be grateful that they do require half a year of health class in high school (I think it is still a requirement?). How about four years of health education and some real fitness training and mandatory gym class! I guess it is a crime now to make children take off their jewelry and actually participate in physical exercise.

Of course, if we teach kids about health and exercise, they would probably not eat all that junk we are feeding them and we would have a revolt on our hands of a healthy nature. Scary. Probably there would be some unemployed doctors and nurses what a crisis!

The real sad part is, we now have to pick a person from Congress, a group of people who have done terrible in that job, for a new job. I really wish we could kick the entire bunch out of Washington and try for some replacements. The challenge would be finding a few new lawmakers who actually didn

U.S. Military and you can get free health care benefits as a veteran.

There I am back in history again, where you actually had to give before you could get. Give us two or three years and you could get educated and health care. Congress stop give, give, giving and fix the programs we already have.

As a taxpayer I would like to get something for my dollar and a bit of service to this country would be a nice change. Maybe even get some infrastructure repaired before it actually collapses? No freeloading for health care, college education or welfare and please pay me my Social Security when I

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Obama: change our nation needs

To the editor:

Not since 1976 has the Democratic presidential primary in Pennsylvania mattered as much as it will this April.

The polls suggest that Sen. Clinton has the lead, but with several weeks to go before April 22, we Pennsylvania Democrats have an opportunity to disprove the polls.

Truly it IS time for change in our country. Sen. Barack Obama represents the kind of change we desperately need. For the past two decades, two families have presided in the White House. Should Hillary Clinton become the Democrats

Barack Obama exhibits so much of what the United States should be about. His very existence represents the union of a white woman from Kansas and an immigrant from Kenya. As a young man, Obama was greatly influenced by his working class mid-western grandparents. Although his family was not an affluent one, both his parents were highly intelligent and valued education. Likewise, the young Barack was extremely bright and appreciated educational opportunities, eventually graduating from Harvard Law School and serving as the first African-American president of Harvard Law Review.

Eventually, Barack Obama was elected United States senator from Illinois. Most of us heard this eloquent American spokesman for the first time when he delivered his rallying and inspiring speech at the 2004 Democratic Convention. Thankfully, over the past few months, we have been hearing him speak once again as he travels across the country in his bid for the Democratic nomination for president.

Certainly, the American people should be thrilled at the prospect of having a true orator in the White House! Yet, Sen. Clinton mocks Senator Obama

Web site, by reading Dreams from My Father or The Audacity of Hope), realizes that this is a man of accomplishments and of integrity.

The exceptional leadership qualities of Sen. Obama should be what Americans are seeking for their future. Our country needs to be returned to a respectable status in the eyes of the world.

Perhaps before we Pennsylvanians head to the polls on April 22, we should pause to recollect another senator from Illinois who was also a fine orator, as well as a sincere and decent man. This president was so highly respected by our country that he was honored with his own holiday.

Cast your vote on April 22 for the candidate who can best return the United States to this level of respectability.

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