LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Column seems to deny nation's history of racism

Last week I read Marty Rochester’s comments in the Light regarding the Ferguson Commission and racial progress in the United States. Although the article did point out the election of our President, and various other elected and appointed officials in our country, I felt the author’s comments denied the deep and historic racism in our country.

It is my belief that the average white person does not understand how our lack of true knowledge of the history and impact of racism has affected our policies, and understanding. There are several wonderful books, such as “Waking Up White” by Debby Irving.

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NCW stands with Planned Parenthood

The National Council of Women, St. Louis Section mourns with the families and loved ones of the two civilians and one police officer that were murdered at the Colorado Springs Planned Parenthood recently.

One thing to remember is that today, in Colorado and across the country, Planned Parenthood’s doors are open. They’re still providing the compassionate health care that millions rely on each year, and they won’t stop.

The problem with the current cacophony is that people and groups, like Trump and Hands Up United, can be rewarded for ignoring the past and the facts, and using harsh and condemnatory words in inept and inappropriate manners, sadly to great effect.

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The politics may be very different, but sadly, the song for these voices remains exactly the same.

What’s your take?

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