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## No-response rep

I wrote our Congressman, Doug LaMalfa, asking two questions: 1. Have you read the Mueller report? 2. What is your response to that report? That's all.

After a few weeks, I received his reply: an email rehashing Attorney General William Barr's questionable summation of the report, with no reference to Mueller's report itself. I responded by pointing out that I was asking about Mueller's report, not Barr's synopsis.

I repeated my two questions: 1. Have you read the Mueller report? 2. What is your response to that report? Again, I requested a reply. Then I waited ... and waited. This was several months ago, and still no reply.

Lynn Elliott  
Chico

## Speaking of LaMalfa

A disingenuous debate tactic is where one overwhelms their opponent with a rapid fire of different arguments, without regard to accuracy, such that the opponent cannot address any of the points in real time.

It's what the Sunrise Movement, a youth-led organization demanding bold climate action, received when they met with Rep. Doug LaMalfa's chief of staff, Mark Spannagel, seeking clarification of the congressman's negative stance on the Green New Deal.

The meeting with Mr. Spannagel was not unlike that of Sen. Dianne Feinstein and a group of children demanding climate action, as we were similarly reminded that LaMalfa "had been doing this longer" than we have. If it hadn't been clear already, it was by the end of the meeting: Doug LaMalfa doesn't take the climate crisis or climate activists seriously. We must elect someone who does.

Sisarie Sherry  
Chico

*Editor's note: For more on Mr. LaMalfa and his stance on climate change, see Andre Byik's report on page 11.*

## Trump's character

A nationalist who won't condemn white supremacy, a bigot, a racist, an advocate for violence.

**In a published transcript of a 1994 interview on ABC, Trump said, "I don't want to sound like a chauvinist, but when I come home at night and dinner's not ready, I go through the roof."**

—Roger S. Beadle

This is Donald Trump's character and, if you pay attention to what he's saying and doing, you should draw the same conclusion.

"I'd like to punch him in the face," he said about a protester; laughs when someone yells, "Shoot 'em" regarding how to stop immigrants crossing the border; pantomimes a congressional candidate who body slammed a reporter because he didn't like the question.

In a published transcript of a 1994 interview on ABC, Trump said, "I don't want to sound like a chauvinist, but when I come home at night and dinner's not ready, I go through the roof." Another gem: "I tell friends who treat their wives magnificently and get treated like crap in return, 'Be rougher and you'll see a different relationship.'"

Is this the new normal where all things will pass, including this year's 244 mass shootings? If Sandy Hook didn't move the needle, then our nation's moral fiber is damaged. Maybe a shock and awe campaign of published four-color pictures of what a weapon of war did to these children might jolt our nation's collective backbone and common sense and decency will prevail.

Roger S. Beadle  
Chico

of experience in water policy with the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board.

She spoke about forest management and what we all know: that the forests need to be thinned to stop the catastrophic fires our state has been experiencing. I believe she has the knowledge and is willing to work hard toward helping us safely manage our land, water and forests.

"What I see is that policies are created that recognize the resources we bring to the state but they don't recognize the people that [bring them there]," she said.

I encourage you to support and vote for Elizabeth Betancourt for California's District 1 Assembly seat. Help us get back to good land and water management.

Mona Uruburu  
Janesville

## Clash in Hong Kong

The flame of democracy is burning on high in Hong Kong. People around the planet have our hearts and hopes with them.

Marvin Wiseley  
Chico

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