Obstructionists always

Re: "Bad PR" (Second & Flume, by Melissa Daugherty, Aug. 15):

The university is not going to provide you with information. That's not what those people are about. They're about firing John Gardner, and when a CIA agent is appointed as university president, they actually put up with it. They invite to speak a sieg heiler like William Shockley, and then won't let anybody talk to him. Then there's Robert Fredenburg, the human mole, who would only agree to be interviewed in the dark. After they broke the occupation of the administration building, which began in what was then known as the Free Speech Area, they went out and uprooted the sign reading Free Speech Area, replacing it with one reading Open Discussion Area. That's who these people are. Hopeless.

> **Kevin Jeys** Paradise

Oblivious establishment

Re "Good people and an unrecognizable America" (Guest comment, by Dean Carrier, Aug. 15):

Mr. Carrier, you and others saw what you wanted to see in America.

Angry, cynical Americans elected a sleazy, racist president, and few people, especially Democrats, have objectively asked why. The status quo protecting establishment Democrats quickly manipulated the mindset of shocked Democrats to blame Russia.

In the American economy, only the top 10 percent have been thriving, though thriving better are the top 1 percent, and thriving most supremely are the top 0.1 percent, who take in 188 times more than the bottom 90 percent.

Obama bailed out the banks, but most Americans suffered, while the top 1 percent took the gains.

Obama was too cowardly to prosecute any bankers, or to have a commission to look into the lies that promoted the Iraq War that killed hundreds of thousands of Iraqis and added trillions to the national debt only to make the U.S. less safe. Obama was too cowardly to prosecute anybody for the U.S. torture programs.

Obama was a decent person with a great smile, and fine oratory, but he had little vision and no courage.

The establishment was oblivious, while America deteriorated.

Good leaders are rare, but America desperately needs a president with vision and courage.

> **Lucy Cooke** Butte Valley

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