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balances and laws cannot be overthrown by an immature, wannabe mafia New York autocrat, aka DJT.

We can see what needs to be seen through.

**Danny Wilson**  
Oroville

Post-impeachment inquiry, I see the news media going off the pier. "It is a blowtorch," "it is the end of Donald Trump," etc. Really? Not from what I listened to the last two weeks. Most was hearsay, and gee, even one Democrat tried his best to say that was OK to use. Wow. Rep. Adam Schiff tried all he could to sink the Trump ship, but to no avail.

The drama will continue no doubt with articles of impeachment; however, even Nancy Pelosi said you "need bipartisan support." That won't even come close in the Senate if it gets that far. In fact, they may lose some Democrat congressional support. Don't you think after three years of trying, they should just give up and start working with the GOP to make America great again? All they seem to be doing is tearing our country apart. Time to stop this madness.

**Zane Libert**  
Palermo

## Oh, cynicism

Re "Oh, Democrats" (Letters, by Ray Estes, Nov. 14):

Ray Estes' recent letter highlights a corrosive, misguided mindset that has permeated our national discourse for years. He describes the current slate of Democratic candidates as "nightmarish," and sure to fail against Trump in 2020. At the same time, he laments the current administration's inevitable slide into "dictatorship," all while offering exactly zero solutions for success or change. He fails to see the tremendous opportunity for systemic change to a government that has drifted away from true representation of the people.

Two of the leading candidates, Sens. Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren, are true progressives who have spent much of their lives battling the oligarchs of American society on behalf of the rest of us.

Mr. Estes disparages Sanders as an independent who is "four years older and unhealthy." Bernie has been fighting for the poor and working class of this country for

half a century. The integrity he has shown throughout his career is stunning, especially when compared to the craven party leadership of Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer. While others are content to line their pockets with lobbyist cash from massive companies, Bernie is intent on building a movement of actual human beings to turn things around.

**Patrick Spielman**  
Chico

Bernie Sanders won the Michigan and Wisconsin 2016 primaries, winning a total of 23 primaries.

Obama campaigned on hope and change, but he shortchanged ordinary Americans on change, so they lost hope and over 9 percent of them voted for Trump. Those voters are likely to vote for Sanders, being enthused by his integrity, authenticity and courage to deliver real change to make the lives of *all* working families better.

Your beloved status quo has created obscene, colossal and growing income/wealth inequality where the richest .1 percent take in over 188 times the income of the bottom 90 percent.

Change is coming and is very necessary.

For those immersed in the impeachment, I suggest you read "The Brennan Dossier: All About a Prime Mover of Russiagate," by Aaron Maté of RealClearInvestigations. The article links to sources, Maté is a credible journalist and RealClearInvestigations is a worthwhile site launched by Tom Kuntz, after 28 years as a New York Times editor.

The recommended article shows that Trump/Russiagate was initiated by the CIA, and there may be serious mendacity involved that undermines U.S. democracy more than anything Trump has done.

**Lucy Cooke**  
Butte Valley

## Orwellian times

Eric A. Blair possessed supernatural ability. His remarkable perception of the world we currently live in was faultlessly predicted in his book written in 1947. Blair warned of a world in which democracy failed and totalitarianism took control. A world not interested in the good of others, but interested

only in power. His book, *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, should send chills down the spine of anyone watching the Trump impeachment inquiry hearings this past week.

He warned "the party told you to reject the evidence of your eyes and ears." Sound familiar? Is it any wonder that Trump is so enamored by ruthless dictators like Vladimir Putin, Bashar al-Assad, Kim Jong Un, etc.?

Former news commentator Bill Moyers said he fears for the nation's survival for the first time in his life. Hear, hear. Eric A. Blair, who used the pen name George Orwell, warned people like Trump's emblazoned "poorly educated" supporters that they are "perfectly ready for dictatorial methods and systematic falsification of history, so long as they feel it is on their side." If you want a picture of Trump's future, imagine a boot stomping on a human face—forever.

**Ray Estes**  
Redding

## On the editor, recallers

Re "An easy out" (Second & Flume, by Melissa Daugherty, Nov. 14):

Nice editorial by Melissa Daugherty about the failed effort to recall two city councilmen. I would like to comment on the last two paragraphs of the article. Referring to our progressive council members as "lefties" strikes me as denigrating. I know each one personally and would certainly not describe any one of them as a "leftie" or left-wing. All are moderate in their approach to government and do their jobs with a degree of humility. Their rejection of Assemblyman James Gallagher's anti-environment bill was an act of courage, not arrogance.

Too much credit was given to the recall instigators. The failure of their recall was due to its lack of merit, not to the inexperience of its promoters. Their arrogance was apparent from the start, with their finger-snapping and bluster. They should be called on it.

**Robert Woods**  
Forest Ranch

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