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To the Editor:

The August 17th article "Dole jab at first lady doesn't make him a hit with black voters" invites discussion on two related topics which infect our society like a disease--socialism and multiculturalism.

In reference to Hillary Clinton's book "It Takes a Village and Other Lessons Children Teach Us," Dole says "I am here to tell you it does not take a village to raise a child. It takes a family." Taken at face value, this statement is both true and necessary. It is necessary because the liberals would have us believe that we are all somehow responsible for the well being of every child that is brought into this world regardless of how reckless and how often irresponsible parents would place this burden upon us. Dole's response rightfully places the responsibility of bringing a child into this world on the shoulders of the parents instead of on the rest of society who had no choice in the matter.

However, the response to this comment came from "rankled" black voters "who wondered if Dole knew the book title comes from an African proverb." This offers an illuminating look at the irrationality of multiculturalism. According to the multiculturalists, the truth or falsehood of an idea is to be found in its relationship to one's ethnic heritage rather than to its relationship to reality, thereby dispensing with reason. Dole's critics do not argue whether or not child rearing is an individual or a social responsibility, instead they declare the idea to be above debate since it came from an African proverb. Furthermore, they label anyone who disagrees as a racist. In her essay "Global Balkanization," Ayn Rand writes,

There is no surer way to infect mankind with hatred--brute, blind, virulent hatred-- than by splitting it into ethnic groups or tribes. If a man believes that his own character is determined at birth in some unknown, ineffable way, and that the characters of all strangers are determined in the same way--then no communication, no understanding, no persuasion is possible among them, only mutual fear, suspicion, and hatred.

The time is long overdue for people to finally realize that socialism and multiculturalism do not solve problems, but create them. Both are forms of collectivism and each rejects individualism by placing the group above the individual. Multiculturalism demands that the individual find his identity within his race or ethnic heritage and socialism demands the sacrifice of the individual to society. The first declares that man has no identity aside from the group and the second uses this as a claim upon man's life. Neither is compatible with any society which considers itself free.

Sincerely,
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