

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Who are the real haters?

To the editor:
So much drama! So many unknowns! The waters get murky quickly these days around Kiel.

Thank you to Mark Sherry for his wise and comforting "This too shall pass" editorial last week. Until last Saturday I might have agreed with his assessment that "99+ percent of the population in area communities such as Kiel... have true character and are demonstrating it. And then I saw a Facebook post by one of our local outspoken party loyalists. And it made me wonder.

Why do so many take at face value the stated rationale for the bomb threats? Is the unknown threat source assumed to be ethical or honest? During the 2020 "Summer of Love" didn't we see thousands demonstrate a willingness to impose their agenda on the masses via intimidation, threats, violence and destruction? Who are the real haters among us, and what are their real agendas? How far are they willing to go to get their way?

Unless we believe the district has set the dangerous precedent of appeasing a terrorist, three of the Title IX sexual harassment investigations were dropped because they were ridiculous on their face. Millions around the country and the world gawked at our absurdity. Are we really to believe that Kiel, Wisconsin is the only place in America that is properly enforcing the 1972 Title IX legislation? No offense, but does our high school ranking demonstrate that level of intellectual prowess in our leadership?

Who is more likely to raise drastic action, a sure winner or someone facing a humiliating defeat? Ask these questions and more, but the fact is it doesn't matter one whit what bomb threat guy thinks about anything, again no offense. If we are a rational community, we will make our decisions rationally, and we will disregard antisocial behaviors to the fullest extent feasible.

That is why I share the following information. I want to do my part to help restore the dignity of Kiel, and support a healthy recovery from our collective trauma. In time that will mean we must deal with the sexual harassment investigations, and hold the responsible adults accountable for their actions, but first things

first. Truth matters. There are those among us who are attempting to parlay the demonic-inspired bomb threats of a lone individual into a twisted labeling campaign that assigns blame to and disparages a whole swath of Kiel residents, perhaps to bolster their political agenda while salvaging a few jobs for their friends. Strong words yes, allow me to exemplify.

There is a voice calling us to unite against hate. Beautiful platitude, who wouldn't agree to that? So please excuse my ignorance, is there more than the one hater around town? Who are the other targets, exactly? Is there evidence that anyone in Kiel has expressed hatred towards any children? Or is the alleged hatred largely if not entirely a matter of projection?

Are you a hater if you hate the bomb threats? Are people "haters" when we demand serious consequences (after due process) for all participants who slapped four young students with sexual harassment investigations for language they used or didn't use? Are people against CRT haters?

Is the Kiel parent who recently posted this link a hater? <https://tonemadison.com/articles/capitol-punishments-wills-war-on-trans-kids/>

To save you time and disgust, one of the more egregious lies in this evil, deceit-filled article is as follows: "Let's call this what it is: terrorism. A small Wisconsin community is being terrorized by right-wing Americans."

I wonder again, who are the real haters among us, and what is their real agenda? What does a crisis represent to the devious? Who stands unanimously against parents whose plea is to err on the side of safety in our schools and public spaces? What will it take for us to really come together for the authentic safety of all our children, including the four and the hundreds of others like them? Truth matters.

How do we heal, Kiel? I pray we all are willing to open our hearts and minds to the solution right in front of us.

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