We at the Thistle hope you will take some time to read and consider the opinions and articles presented here.

Racism and prejudice are in all of us, and hardest to admit to in our own selves. We hope to promote openness and real and honest human-to-human dialogue on campus by providing in depth information on current campus events in their historical and present day contexts. We hope that you will look deep within yourself, and refuse to be a part of the wave of anti-Muslim and anti-immigrant hatred and prejudice sweeping our nation. We also encourage you to think critically about the “information” that our society is bombarding us with. Do you think of Palestinians first as terrorists, or first as human beings like yourselves? Do you feel nervous around people with brown skin?

We believe that the hard work of anti-racism rewards itself every step of the way, and we recognize that every one of us has a long way to go (especially those of us who benefit from the presumption of innocence that is a privilege of white privilege). This Thistle issue is dedicated to all of us becoming better human beings.

You Might Be A Domestic Terrorist

By Scott Cooper

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Race, Internment, and the Attacks on Immigrants
By Brice Smith

There is no freedom more essential to a democracy than the freedom to publicly challenge and criticize the government. It is chilling to see how many (including members of our own community) seem so ready to take away this right from others in the name of "national security." Since the earliest days of our country, those in power have consistently used times of national crisis (whether real or wholly fictional) to crack down, not on those who might actually pose a threat to the people, but on those who pose a threat to the political agenda of the elite. The sweeping powers so readily cited in the name of "national security" have been used to crush legitimate dissent and to stifle important national debate, whether it came from the early Republican Party (see the Alien and Sedition Acts of 1798) or labor activists (see the Espionage and Sedition Acts of 1917-18) or Arabs and Muslims like Amer Jubran (see the USA Patriot Act of 2001).

Of all the many attacks on the freedom of immigrants that have occurred throughout American history, it was in 1941 that this country launched upon one of its most shameful domestic acts of this century. In August 1941, Representative John Dingell of Michigan wrote a letter to President Roosevelt suggesting the incarceration of 10,000 Japanese Americans in Hawaii as hostages to ensure "good behavior" on the part of Japan. Following this letter, in September 1941, the FBI went to the homes of Japanese "subversives" and within 48 hours had detained 1,291 "suspects." These men were held under no formal charges and even their family members were forbidden from seeing them. In February 1942, Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 that empowered General De Witt to round up over 70,000 U.S. citizens and 40,000 Japanese resident aliens (roughly half of them children) and ship them off to 10 bleak concentration camps in remote areas like Manzanar just west of Death Valley. In winter the temperature at these camps reached as much as 35 degrees below zero and summer brought temperatures as high as 115 degrees. All told, more than 1,800 people died in these desolate desert camps.

This horrific violation of basic civil rights was later held to be constitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court in the landmark case Korematsu v. United States (December 18, 1944). It held that "legal restrictions which curtail the civil rights of a single racial group are imme-

The definition of domestic terrorism has been broadened to include "activities that are part of a pattern of criminal conduct by individuals or small groups, including those who dissents from government policies; giving the attorney general and secretary of state the authority to designate domestic groups as terrorist organizations; permitting indefinite incarceration of non-citizens based on mere suspicion; imposing guilt by association on immigrants; and so on.

On Nov. 13, 2001, Bush issued an executive order empowering him to order secret mili-

tary tribunals of any of the 20 million non-citizens in the United States who are suspected of being international terrorists and collaborators. These trials would bypass the U.S. crimi-
nal justice system and its rules of evidence, with no presumption of innocence and no rights accorded defendants to choose their own attorneys.

I could go on and on. The bottom line is that the rights of every one of us have been placed in jeopardy. The definition of "domestic terrorism" civil rights is "by keeping the community that supposedly values debate and the free exchange of ideas should be so quick to blindly support the destruction of our most vital civil liberties in the name of "security." It, as the saying goes, "in times of war, the law is silent," then it is even more vital that we as citizens raise our voice, reclaim our government, and demand protection for the rights of all people. That is the only path to true national security.

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Letters to the Thistle

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