

To the Editor:

### **Why always the Stick and never the Carrot?**

#### **Internationally:**

Why is our military training S. Koreans to kill their cousins in N. Korea while still too many of them live in paper huts with open sewers in their streets?

Why does our government continue to colonize and impose imperialism on other countries around the world, destroying their social fabric in the process. Is this what the American people really want done on their behalf?

Why is our military training starving Somalis to kill other starving Somalis?

Why is our military using robot drones to kill terrorists while killing far more civilians and making even more enemies?

Why build military bases in Turkey, Philippines, and elsewhere and not housing for the homeless and displaced?

Why not use our horrendously expensive excessive military budget to provide real aid and assistance in disaster areas around the world?

#### **Nationally:**

Why imprison and segregate and discriminate against minorities in this country rather than equalizing access to housing, employment, education, and criminal justice? Does anyone actually believe that their candle burns brighter by putting someone else's out?

Having more citizens in prisons than any other country in the world has not worked. Why do we keep doing this? Can this all be explained simply by shameful tribal racism, or profit, or both?

The War on Drugs is an absolute failure. Why are we still fighting it?

Why do we tolerate police who consistently provide lies and lame excuses for the bullet abuses of anyone darker than tan?

Why can we not accept that climate change is real and start mitigating and adapting to it?

Why not solve the migrant problem and stop separating families and putting babies in cages?

Why lock down our children in our prison-like schools, rather than dealing with the actual problems that manifest themselves in our society, and instead meet their needs?

Why do we allow full government surveillance of the entire American population? Why not just deal with the systemic problems behind the flawed rationale for this dystopia?

Why do we allow corporations to conduct harmful surveillance capitalism and data harvesting for profit against our entire population? When and how were corporations granted eminent domain over all of our citizen's digital personal information?

Why does our healthcare system allow people to profit from the pain and suffering of others?

Why are our elderly subject to the metered and triaged end of life care provided by those seeking to maximize corporate shareholder value?

Why is it that a local newspapers and media who's role is to inform and educate the public will never publish this letter?

Is this all just the idealistic ramblings of a tired and worn out old man? Or is it a practical description of what is wrong with the world around all of us? This inquiring mind wants to know.

What we are and have been doing is not working for anyone, or our planet, except for those in the vast minority who profit and enrich themselves from these self-inflicted wounds.

Do we have the capacity to evolve and become social human beings or have we really, as a reptile brained animal species, simply evolved to become just coin-operated, bi-pedal, carbon life forms?