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The powerful, ultra rich members of the Republican Party have seized control and bent it to their wishes. I commend Steve Leben's Open Letter to Jerry Moran, in the March 14 weekend edition and Bob Topper's reveal of how conservatives and liberals need to accept responsibilities in the March 21 weekend edition.

It certainly appears these controlling leaders neither listen to, nor care about their middle class members. Is it too much to ask that they, too, have a seat at the table?

— *Beth Vannatta, Halstead*

Child abuse prevention month coming

For more than 30 years, Kansas Children's Service League (KCSL) has led state efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect. As the Kansas chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America, we know this work is urgent and ongoing. Every April, we renew our call to action during National Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month.

This year's theme, "Resilient by Hope, Strengthened by Prevention," reminds us that hope and

thrive when we invest in families before challenges become crises. Prevention is key to making that vision a reality.

We can all help strengthen families. Provide families with the tools and support they need when they need them. Support policies like affordable childcare and housing options. Back community efforts that offer concrete supports to families. Small acts—encouraging a parent, mentoring a child or volunteering—also make a difference.

Together, we can break cycles of adversity and build a Kansas where every child is safe, nurtured and full of possibility. This April and beyond, join us in celebrating the power of hope and the strength of prevention.

— *Gail Cozadd, CEO, Kansas Children's Service League*

Seeds of mistrust

The seeds of mistrust in the Democratic Party were sown when a clear-eyed Barack Obama looked the American people in the face and told us “If you like your plan, you can keep your plan”.

The message was received loud and clear: Democratic politicians have no problem deceiving their constituents in pursuit of their objectives.

During the Biden administration, deception escalated into full-fledged Orwellianism, like “the border is under control” or that “white supremacy was the number one terrorist threat facing the nation.” Or those 51 former Intel officials who said that Hunter Biden’s laptop had “the earmarks of Russian dis-information,”

Baghdad Bob finally met his match in Joe Biden and the Democratic Party, who, without blinking an eye, participated in one fantastical dystopian charade after another.

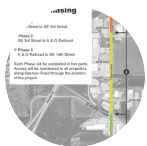
Democrats, like the late, great John F. Kennedy, no longer exist; they have been replaced by apostates, whose only reason for existence has become the acquisition of power, even if it means running the mighty Titanic into an iceberg.

Why the Enemy Aliens Act?

President Trump has invoked the 1798 Enemy Aliens Act to supposedly deport members of a Venezuelan gang. The first question to ask is why he tried to invoke this act when he already has ample legal authority to deport the people he describes in his invocation on the act. One issue that has not received much attention in the litigation that has arisen over the invocation of the act is the government's allegation that they don't need to provide the names of the people deported or explain how it was determined that they were Venezuelan or members of the gang. Please as an American think about this position. If it is upheld, anybody could be grabbed and disappeared, period. President Trump has clearly shown he wants no dissent from any of his positions. He attacks anybody who criticizes his and Musk's policies; the press, lawyers, universities, judges, politicians of both parties, anybody who speaks out. The reason he is using this act is to silence any opposition to him. If upheld, we should all be terrified including maga supporters who disagree with any of the actions taken by Musk against veterans, farmers, social security recipients, and a host of others.

— *Ron Svaty, Ellsworth*

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