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To whom it may concern:

I am disappointed by the animosity and ill-will displayed toward our government leaders and institutions these days.

Uncomplimentary bumper stickers are proudly displayed on automobiles. News commentators, talk radio and political pundits regularly denounce legislators and government leaders.

These displays of anger are often the anguished cry of a rejected minority — the Republican Party.

There is a reason why there is a Democrat in the White House and a majority of Democrats in both houses of Congress. There is a reason why a majority of governorships and state legislatures are controlled by Democrats. Simply put, Americans often prefer Democratic positions on most issues over Republican ones. This dominance of governors, state legislatures and Congress is true not just today, but has been true for decades.

Perhaps a second reason for the anti-Clinton / anti-government movement lies with the news media.

Whitewater is only the most obvious example of this. Reporters scurry about seeking out critics — phrasing questions in a manner to draw comparisons between Watergate and Whitewater, there are too many "wanna be" Woodward and Bernsteins out there trying to make a name for themselves.

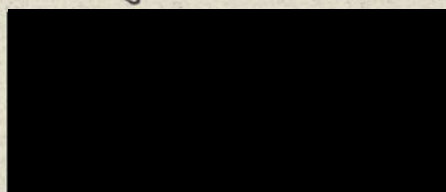
Newsweek recently charged that Hillary Clinton had not used her own money for some investments. After this damning criticism was made and numerous follow-up attacks made on the basis of the story, it turns out the story was false. Time magazine recently ran a worrisome President Clinton and George Stephanopoulos on its cover pitching a story about Whitewater. The old photo was taken while the two were engaged in a conversation long before Whitewater was news.

Derek Bok, former president of Harvard, makes the point in a recent book that government is going to be a major force in our lives under any administration. This being the case, it would seem that we would all be better off if those critics, both in and out of government, would realize that government is more often a force for good than harm. We would be better served

if those in government and the media would try to show a little support and trust toward those leaders and institutions democratically elected by the people.

Thank you for bringing a small amount of bi-partisan political coverage to us. Your performance as mediator and informant is greatly appreciated. I enjoy the special events at the White House and coverage of the Presidents trips and speeches very much.

Thank you,



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