

Girl's Web threat deserves protection

To the editor:

I'm 12 and a 7th-grader at Northland Prep. Frankly I am shocked that a 15-year-old girl was taken by the Secret Service and interrogated because she posted a picture of George W. and put the words "kill bush" under it. I understand that this is a bit over zealous because it uses the word "kill," but what happened to "Freedom of Speech" and the 1st Amendment.

Two measly words got a 15-year-old girl interrogated by the Secret Service. This defies morals we built this country upon, I mean the picture she entered on My Space was bad, that is if you take it way out of context. What she was doing

when she entered this picture was simply expressing her feelings and point of view, venting if you will, this is not a crime, in fact what happened to this girl is a crime against our own laws, our own morals.

The 1st Amendment states and I quote," Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

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What's so bad about an 'elite' president?

To the editor,

My name is Robert Collins and I am 14 years old. In the past election, I have witnessed several occasions when Senator Barack Obama has been called an elitist. I have written this letter because this sort of statement I find to be senseless and a generalization.

The president, senators and representatives of the United States I find to be "elite" positions. I would want a well-educated, intelligent person who would be "better" than the average citizen in the sense that they have the experience and expertise for their job. I know that I would want someone 200 times smarter than myself or the average citizen. I know that I cannot perform a position of such importance, and I would hope that the average citizen would share that idea with me.

Someone calling another person "elite" usually is making the statement that the aforementioned person is better than them. Is that not what the president is supposed to be, someone with the privilege of intelligence and a good education? Furthermore, why is intellectualism looked down upon in this country?

A large amount of people in the U.S. would like somebody in office who is like the average person. I certainly would not. After all, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, the average U.S. citizen did not go to college.

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