

It is no secret that we are probably the most politically liberal people in our neighborhood, and perhaps even in a wider area. Living our early married life in Sweden may have had an influence on that. But, still earlier, in this conservative county where I was born and where we live, I had been brought up to think critically, to disavow hatred and racism, and to believe in equality. I was also taught to be knowledgeable about American history and to understand that we must honor our Constitution. Probably, this family interest and focus was what made my present beliefs far left politically from those of most of our neighbors.

But, we can get along with conservative neighbors. If we could not, we would have few contacts in the wider world beyond family and a very few liberal friends. What we can't accept, though, is bad behavior on the part of someone in our area. We live on a gravel road, not a highly traveled blacktop or concrete thoroughfare, but someone has apparently been so offended by our Harris/Walz signs that two have been taken from our driveway near our mailbox. Neighbors found the first sign floating in an eddy in the Pine River, the vandals apparently compounding the larceny with littering. The next sign did not last twenty-four hours. Along with the disappearance of two legally permitted signs, our rural mailbox was also knocked from the post, dented, and thrown into the ditch.

There is another Harris/Walz sign in our driveway now. If it is taken, there will be another one placed there. I will make a new sign every day between now and election day if it is necessary.

The rule of law should be important in this country. We have a choice. Do we want a felon who is also under federal indictment for fomenting an insurrection, a person who is obviously also either deranged or demented or both, or do we want a serious person who is capable of dealing with other world leaders, who will uphold our alliances, and who will be President for all the people?