

## **Liberals stand for human dignity**

These pages have contained so much senseless castigation of liberals and progressives that it's time to set the record straight. What we stand for is, simply, respect for human dignity. Hence, we oppose war, poverty and injustice.

We believe that military action should be taken only when necessary, not in order to impose our will on other peoples and that it is evil for the wealthy to game the system to further enrich themselves, while average citizens lose their homes, jobs and life savings. Also, laws should protect people against the predations of such entities as oil and insurance companies.

The classic theory of justice has two components: Commutative is what individual citizens owe to the common good. Paying fair taxes is thus just, whereas a system which favors the affluent is unjust.

Distributive is that the goods of society exist for the benefit of the people, not the privileged few.

Today, one of those goods is health care, and in a society with as much wealth as ours, it is tantamount to a right.

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