

Undeserving of the name

On Friday morning, skimming the Beacon Journal's front page, I saw that Portage County tea party members could stymie some area school levy attempts ("Five area school districts seeking levies on the ballot").

It was not their future involvement in debates that bothered me.

I realized I was revolted by seeing their name.

These so-called patriots actually sully the righteous history of the original tea party by hijacking that name for their extreme far-right views.

How dare they compare themselves to the original tea party.

It's the same gut reaction I have when I watch Michele Bachmann mouth the words "running for commander in chief."

I truly feel the original tea party name should have been given copyright protection from these misguided zealots.

In the past, I felt they had a right to express their feelings, and I still do, but now I'm livid that they are standing under the label that has historically stood for what is truly right about America.

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