

A win for moderates

President Barack Obama has been re-elected, and my optimism is soaring! After four years of obstructionism, veiled racism and a determined effort to make Obama a one-term president, the Republicans have lost their bid to sell out our country to right-wing and tea-party extremists.

The quest for equal rights, the guarantee of religious freedom, the reform of our health care system and the economic recovery of America will continue.

Local winners have raised my hopes that moderate and reasonable legislators will work together to create equal opportunities for all Americans. Despite heated debate, class and gender warfare, and corporate cash infusions, moderate, middle Americans have won the day.

— Penelope Arnold, Lombard

Corrected steering

I just took the “Americar” out for a spin and, while more ad-



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justments may be needed, it looks like Tuesday’s alignment helped a great deal.

With it continually veering to the right, it was impossible to even stay on the road, let alone get to our destination.

Now, if enough of us will just remember where we were going before we ran off the road, we cannot only reach our destination but also our destiny.

— Rick Singer, Skokie

Dirty fight

Seriously! Harvard University law professor Noah Feldman writes in your Wednesday Perspective section with the headline “Obama and Romney fought cleanest fight ever.” And you folks printed it!

I have only one question: What color is the sky in Feldman’s, and your, world?

If this wasn’t the dirtiest campaign ever, then I don’t know what it was. The examples could fill a book.

— Jim Ihlenfeld, Aurora

Voter’s concern

The Tribune’s John Kass’ column in Wednesday’s Tribune about “dishing out ‘revenge’” was just plain silly. According to Kass, Obama ran such a negative campaign that it will be impossible for him to govern during the next four years.

On what basis does he make this claim?

On the other hand, the Perspective piece (“Obama and Romney fought cleanest fight ever”) states that this presidential race was just that, the cleanest in recent years. If Barack Obama had played by Kassian rules, as the Perspective piece’s author, Noah Feldman, points out, he would

never have won re-election. Arguing who distorted the other’s record more is fine; but painting one-half the picture and just focusing on Obama’s campaign is more than unfair.

Also, I completely disagree that Obama is going to have more of a problem governing than he did four years ago as a result of his so-called “negative” campaign. The Republican wing nuts who have a stranglehold on conservative politics are of far greater concern to me than Obama’s ability or willingness to reach across the aisle. The notion that Obama is the most leftist president in modern times is beyond ridiculous and not supported by facts.

— Nick Sloane, Glendale Heights

Rewarding incompetence

Never underestimate the stupidity of the American people! After four years of failure, they reward Barack Obama with another four-year term. See how long a company can stay in business by rewarding incompetent executives. Now we can all watch as Obama leads this country to bankruptcy and destruction.

— Tony Novak, Arlington Heights

Leftist Obama

You endorsed Barack Obama; now you advise him to move to the center. That must be hope against hope. Everything knowable about Obama suggests that he is a unchangeable leftist who wants a Western European-style society here. That is not going to change given that he is propped up by left-wing rich guys like George Soros. His ascendancy is reflective of the people who elected him.

— James F. Chambliss, Evanston

Calling for change

It is idiotic to endorse President Barack Obama and then after his victory have your first editorial be “Now change, Mr. President.” In anyone’s world, if you are re-elected, you would think you don’t need to change anything.

— Joseph O’Donnell, Oak forest

Thankful voter

Nothing is better than a Thanksgiving with something to be thankful for. This year it’s the re-election of the president. America is not for sale.

— William A. Murphy, Winnetka