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Racism still not eliminated

To the Editor:

Several years ago a picture of a gorilla, "Harvey Grogo from Kampala, Uganda," appeared in the Technology Community Association's annual picture book. The editor of the picture book claimed that it was intended as an innocent gag. Many members of the MIT community were offended because a racial slur was perceived — an implied comparison between people of African ancestry and lower primates. The controversy surrounding this incident was heated and bitter. Some even called for the expulsion of the picture book editor. Personally, I believe the editor was only guilty of naiveté, just as I would have been in the same situation. The emotions stirred up by the Gorilla incident, however, clearly exemplify one thing: Racism is alive and well in the United States, and at MIT. The fact that it is often subtle rather than overt can render it more pernicious.

As a Baha'i, I have a vested interest in the elimination of racism, even though I do not yet believe that the public should remain uninformed to protect arms control measures in the United States, and at MIT. The public should not have been allowed the experience offered by ABC only to be motivated by anti-democratic sentiments. If the cartoonist or the editor of The Tech believes that the American public should remain uninformod about the most serious problem facing the United States and the world, then they should say so frankly. If they think that, in the name of national security, the United States should emulate the Soviet Union and censor the media, then let their agenda be known.

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Cartoon ill-considered

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such as the cartoonist, who imply that anti-communist measures in the interest of the American public are automatic to the Soviet Union are anti-communist to the Soviet Union. But the movie did nothing more than inform the public about a serious problem. I have not yet found of any student of nuclear strategy who believes that The Day After, or the consequences it depicted, implausible.

Therefore the implication that the public should not have been allowed the experience offered by ABC can only be motivated by anti-democratic sentiments. If the cartoonist or the editor of The Tech believes that the American public should remain uninformed about the most serious problem facing the United States and the world, then they should say so frankly. If they think that, in the name of national security, the United States should emulate the Soviet Union and censor the media, then let their agenda be known.

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