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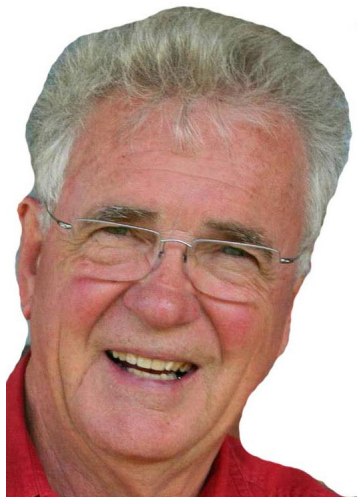
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Letters to the Editor

Don't call me discriminating

Discrimination is the description of a bad nomenclature in the language of our culture and contemporary society. At least, it seems to be the initial assumption people assume in its use.

Words and the value of what they describe change as culture changes and how we humans decide to take a known word and revise it to mean something we want to promote. Discrimination is one of those words.

In my formative growing-up years, adults who were discriminating were revered for having the ability of making the best choices. It was known as discriminating taste. Its bare meaning was being able to tell the best thing as differed from the worse thing, or gradations from the best on

down the value ladder.

Today, it has become an accusation made against a person who supposedly made a choice, influenced by something that has become found in legislation designed to protect "the people." The accused influence may be based on gender, it may be based on race or it may be based on age. These seem to be three major measures of bad elements to use for choices.

So, no longer is it my hope to be known among my citizen friends as a man of discriminating taste! Because of word evolution, there needs to be another word to describe what was intended with the "discriminating taste" use. What may it be?

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