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Dear Editor:

In the Post's coverage of the March on Washington anniversary you went to appalling lengths to politicize the momentous occasion.

Without checking the facts, the paper reported that Republicans avoided Wednesday's event on the National Mall. The truth: prominent black Republicans weren't invited—individuals like Senator Tim Scott, the only sitting black Senator; T.W. Shannon, the first black Oklahoma House Speaker; Bob Brown, who worked alongside Dr. King; and Bob Woodson of the Center for Neighborhood Enterprise—to name a few. Organizers can invite whom they wish, but the Post shouldn't overlook that to push a narrative.

Dana Milbank minimized and mocked the RNC's Monday commemoration luncheon in a factually inaccurate column. Wanting to label it a partisan affair, he ignored the attendance of Democrats, the NAACP, and the Urban League, among others.

Before the district work period, Speaker Boehner hosted an event at the Capitol so all members of Congress could honor the March before they left Washington. Sadly, the Post deemed this insignificant.

All Americans honor Dr. King's legacy and the March. It's not a partisan affair, so it's a shame the Post viewed the anniversary through a hyper-partisan Beltway lens.

Sincerely,

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