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# OPINION

## EDITORIAL

### Flag flap illustrates our deep divisions

**S**AN ANSELMO lawyer Ford Greene wears his politics on the side of his building near the Hub.

His political messages are hard to miss, thanks to his prominent location, near San Anselmo's Hub. When he hung the nation's flag upside-down to express his dismay over the re-election of President Bush, he apparently crossed a patriotic line for many passers-by.

Many people called San Anselmo Town Hall, urging the city to intervene.

Greene knew his highly visible protest would cause a public stir and offend some.

Those who were offended can choose to fly their own flags, right side up.

It is important to remember that Greene's interpretation of

Old Glory was an exercise of his First Amendment right to free speech and political expression. That right is a cornerstone of our nation's liberties. Some may have viewed his brief

demonstration as unpatriotic and offensive — but it certainly wasn't illegal.

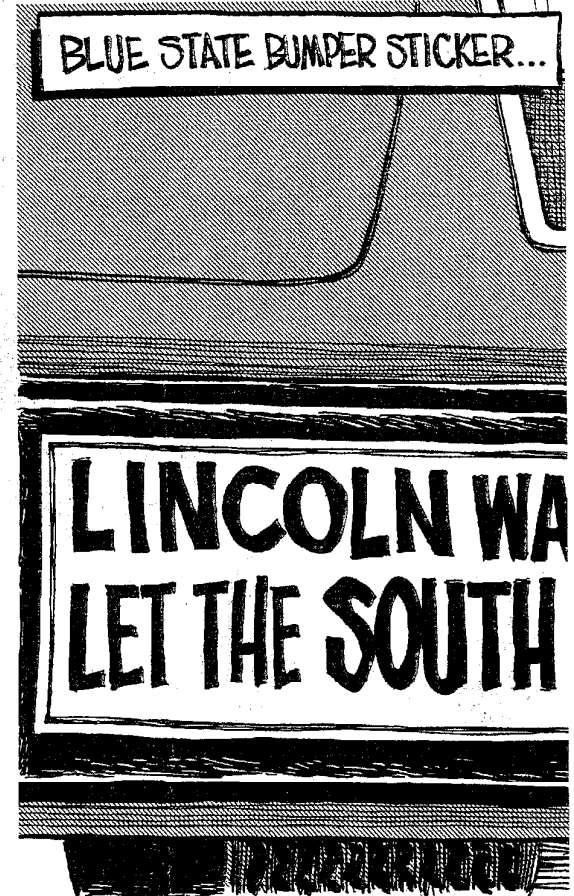
Greene's demonstration was, however, a reflection of a sharply divided nation. In Marin, nearly 73 percent of the voters cast their ballots for Sen. John Kerry.

Expressing your opinion is a patriotic exercise. The side of Greene's building is his bully pulpit, and he's not shy about

expressing his politics. He has a right to express his political views, but he should respect others' as well. He did so by taking down the flag after a few days.

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### Bush is sending mixed messages on terrorism



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**I** GREW UP in a Democratic household in the Midwest. But after moving West and developing a career, I became a fiscal conservative.

After marrying and having children, I got in touch with my true conservative roots. The Democratic Party that my parents were a part of was actually quite conservative in its values. What I know is that values are not blue or red; they are, however, clear.

The reason President Bush won such an overwhelming victory is because he called people to action. He called upon them to look into their hearts and vote for the core issues that he represents.

When it was all said and done, he was

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