

Nutty professor missed mark on plebiscite

During America's infancy, many established nations dubbed her the "Great Experiment," as she was the largest nation of the time to implement a representative form of democracy. Most European countries thought she would fail.

Today, the Chamoru people are also conducting their own great political experiment as they attempt to bond the equally noble ideals of indigenous rights and political self-determination into a single cause. Many people also believe that this cause will fail.

I am not surprised to see many of the unenlightened take this position. However, I was shocked when a professor of political science, Robert Statham, wrote an article that placed him in these ranks.

Statham says "American self-determination (based on human rights) and Chamorro self-determination (based on Chamorro-only rights) are incompatible and always will be."

First of all, I'd like to raise a point of order regarding the "human versus Chamorro" scenario that the nutty professor has estab-

lished. Perhaps someone should let Statham know that Chamorus are human, too.

Second, his arguments focus on the fact that because the entire populace does not participate in the plebiscite, it is unconventional by American standards. On the contrary, during the American Revolution, it took only a third of the colonial population to lead the revolt against their sovereign.

Finally, I am forced to wonder why Statham, as a political scientist, has closed his mind to the political experimentation process as a whole.

Perhaps he is convinced that the Chamorus are not allowed to experiment politically, while the founding fathers of our sovereign did just that. Perhaps he has become so de-

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termined to brainwash the people of this island that he has neglected the very essence of his educational posture, thus brainwashing himself. Either way, it is professors like him that truly threaten the accreditation of our institution, or at the very least, dampen the quality of education in the political science department. Perhaps it's time to advertise for a new instructor. I know it's definitely time to stop listening to the backward and sinister.

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'Family Filmgoer' column a great idea

My wife and I would like to thank you very much for including the "The Family Filmgoer" column in the PIKA section of the Pacific Daily News. We really encourage you to continue to provide this column.

We have a 12-year-old son. When we try to pick movies with him, we see "PG-13" and never know what we will get. That can mean anything. To have a review that says "PG-13 for profanity, mild sexual innuendo,

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By Garry Trudeau