

TRIANGLE STATUE PROPOSAL IS DANGEROUS

When I visited Colorado, I watched a report about the TRIANGLE STATUE proposal in Loveland. The TRIANGLE STATUE shows three naked humans. The Loveland Visual Arts Commission wants to purchase and place the statue in a small park.

In the news story, the sculptor said that the statue represents a celebration of the human spirit. But, that can be done without offending significant portions of the community. Would the commissioners purchase and place a sculpture of a swastika to celebrate America's tolerance for diverse political views? I hope not.

Being a good public servant means more than just being within the law by a millimeter. It means respecting every member of the community and avoiding offense to anyone in the community.

The TRIANGLE STATUE is offensive to many people in the community. If it celebrates the human spirit, then isn't it a spiritual statue that celebrates the human body as many backward civilizations have done? And if it is "spiritual" or "religious", why isn't it unconstitutional to purchase or place with public funds? Whether or not it is unconstitutionally spiritual, it is definitely offensive to many in the community. The Christians may not become violent about it, but devout Muslims might.

Loveland is only a few miles from a college town. Many Muslims are nearby. In that culture, the TRIANGLE STATUE is repulsive idolatry that would invite violent destruction.

So, support for the TRIANGLE STATUE is insensitive, offensive, and dangerous.

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