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Dear Editor,

In the aftermath of the recent national election, it seems important to question whether or not we have lost our moral compass.

As Americans, we recently elected a man to lead and represent our nation -- a man who openly bragged about his multiple adulterous affairs, his ability to grope and fondle women because he's a star, and his right to freely walk in on naked women in the Miss Universe pageant, which he owned, because he needed to be able to "inspect the merchandise".

For years he has actively promoted the racist Birther Movement to denigrate and delegitimize our first African-American President, and he openly encourages and emboldens white supremacists who have indicated that, with his election, their movement is now mainstream. It's now acceptable to be openly racist and to hate the strangers in our land.

The President-Elect routinely exploited many gullible small-scale investors through Trump University and his various other businesses; and throughout his life he is reported to have bullied numerous people who he did not consider to be very important. He repeatedly lies and manipulates other people in his speeches and electronic communications, and his spokespersons have said that we should not take what he says seriously, because it's all harmless hyperbole.

With the sole exception of slothfulness, the President-Elect has become the poster child for the Seven Deadly Sins: Pride, Envy, Wrath, Gluttony, Lust, Sloth, and Greed. It appears as though he has lived his life in precisely the way that many of our mothers taught us to NOT live our own lives.

Yet, a huge portion of the self-described Christian community, what used to be known as the Moral Majority, voted for this man, cynically discounting his comments as harmless "locker room talk". According to Jerry Falwell, it did not matter because they were voting for a President, not a Sunday School teacher. These are the same folks who for decades have been self-righteously lecturing the rest of our nation on how we ought to be living holy lives according to their standards.

Recognizing that the President-Elect was heavily promoted by a large segment of the Christian community, does personal morality really matter in our society any longer? Do we really want to raise our children to follow his role model?

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