



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cable rates are rising unchecked

I'm very curious. Every November or December, I get a bill from Comcast and, lo and behold, there's a \$6 or \$7 increase.

It's now up to \$97 for basic cable. Every year, I call them and ask why, and they say it's the cost of doing business.

So I called the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority in Hartford (800-382-4586) to find out about some kind of control on prices.

They said they have no control over cable prices; Comcast and all other companies like that can

charge whatever they want and can raise prices as they want.

They said our representatives and legislators deregulated this business years ago, and that's who I should call.

So I'm hoping I'm not the only one getting these increases every year.

Maybe if enough of us call, something might happen. Please everyone, call someone, but not me.

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Stereotypes keep disparity alive

Until the introduction of incident-recording

devices, reports of police brutality against minorities held little credibility, especially since blacks were stereotype-cast as potential harbingers of crime and then meted disproportionate sentences by courts, an addendum to injustice.

On the same note, we see a repeat of the aftermath of 9/11: Muslims being stereotyped as terrorists.

In much the same way, stereotypes thrive in prisons against a historically oppressed minority: Packaged as a written threat against me — by an anonymous homophobic inmate — the believable

lie of shower-stall voyeurism resonates with Brooklyn Correctional's finest, based on stereotypical assumption.

When have on-whim judgments proven productive? If anything, they create more embittered people ultimately at odds with each other.

It's no wonder the country's die-hard disparity persists. When stereotypes are exemplified, new generations of the same are spawned.

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