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Debate was a cage fight

To the editor,

The cage fight presidential debate Tuesday where a 74-year-old white man who occupies the White House refused to denounce white supremacists echoes the Know Nothing period of the mid-19th century.

Abraham Lincoln denounced the racists of his era in searing language: "Our progress in degeneracy appears to me to be pretty rapid."

Trump's coded language of hate has deep roots back to his New York real estate dealings. Tuesday night's performance was but another display of the ancient proverb: it's an ill bird that fouls its own nest.

Voters can clean the fouled nest Nov. 3.

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