

Commentary about Americans was offensive: Reader

LETTERS

Dear Editor,

The comment of your editor that "Canadians know Americans can be a bunch of blow-hards, that they are arrogant, often rude and insulated from the rest of the world" offends me.

I am quite sure that your editors would not have been permitted to make editorial commentary about such incorrect stereotypes as driving habits of the Chinese, the mafia connections of all Italians or hygienic habits of the East Indians. Certainly they would not have been able to comment on the alleged private preferences of Greek males.

Originally from the U. S., I choose to live in Toronto over 23 years ago. I came here by choice, not by accident of birth. I, and most other immigrants, find this boorish commentary is generally the mark of the unsophisticated and the uneducated sectors of the population of Canada and we are often quite surprised to see reputable publications afford space to writers with this personal bias.

My wife and I join Lucile Davies

of Unionville in the expectation of an apology and of the publication in a prominent position in

the first edition next week, of a statement indicating the position of your publications

towards the 280,000 or more people originally from the United States who contribute sub-

stantially to the economy and quality of life in Metro Toronto.
A. Barry Hulst

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