

Prof. Ludányi: **To New York Times**

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Subject: Hungary's Junk Democracy
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Dear Editor:

The publication (on January 18) of Gyorgy Konrad's diatribe against the Orban government of Hungary reflects poorly on the editorial judgement of the NYT as well as the character and honesty of the author. Its the continuation of Hungarian bashing, which of late has become quite popular in some media circles. Konrad's essay, as well as the others of this genre are based on half-truths, outright fabrications and a concerted campaign of defamation and demonization. His concluding paragraph is extraordinary in comparing a democratically elected government, based on the mandate of a two-thirds majority in Parliament, with fascism and communism. Konrad would benefit greatly if he enrolled in a course of Comparative Government 101. As it stands this essay is junk analysis and junk writing by a Junkhead!

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Dear Editor,

There is an old Roman saying: Audiatur et altera pars. In plain English: let us hear what the other guy has to say.

The publication (January 18) of Gyorgy Konrad's hateful attack on the Orban government of Hungary reflects poorly on the editorial judgement of the NYT as well as the character and honesty of the author.

You should gather information from the other side too. Otherwise people will judge your paper as completely misinformed or biased just like this Conrad opus.

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