

Here is Rep. Heather Scott's full statement, as sent to the Bonner County Daily Bee in response to inquiries from reporter Mary Malone:

"I post many different items on my face book in an effort to educate and engage citizens of our District and our State. We can no longer afford to be apathetic about where our country is heading with the continued attacks on our freedoms and God given rights. I did repost an article to promote conversation about language and the trend by many liberals to try to change the meaning of words hoping to change the reaction of people. The quote was from the article's author and not me. It highlighted HIS views on how terms can be changed by the media or mean different things to different people.

I found it ironic this is exactly what Betsy Russell and others in the media did concerning my post. The real story headline should be "Boise media once again tries to get it wrong." Ms. Russell is a known Boise gossip column writer. Many see her views leaning toward socialism. Her choice to print that Rep. Heather Scott defended white nationalism is a complete lie and shows her sad lack of any kind of professional journalism standards.

Boise media continues to try to reopen old north Idaho wounds in an effort to keep most North Idaho citizens confused and agitated. Stirring up history of a racist group who have been run out of town clearly shows how out of touch they are. For a Boise reporter to try to paint North Idaho in this light once again shows continued disconnect between the northern and southern parts of the state. I believe that all Americans should agree with the second paragraph of the Declaration of Independence which states "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that **all men** are **created equal**, that they are **endowed by their Creator** with certain unalienable **Rights...**"