I am a former Cub Scout, Webelo and Boy Scout. After watching the response of the Jamboree audience to the comments of Donald Trump, I cannot tell you how ashamed I am of the organization that was such a big part of my life.

The dishonorable conduct of booing a former President and Secretary of State by young, impressionable children was horrifying to watch. As Mr. Trump drew more and more derision from these youngsters, I could not help but recall the indoctrination of the Hitler Youth of the Third Reich.

I never thought I would actually agree with Hillary Clinton regarding her comments on the "deplorables" in this country. Unfortunately, it took the Boy Scouts of America to show me how many deplorable people there actually are in my nation. This is one of the most shameful blemishes on such a wonderful institution that I could imagine.

It is not enough to simply criticize the politicization of the Jamboree.

The conduct of the President, the leadership of the BSA and the scouts involved in booing and cheering on cue should be condemned publicly and loudly. This was totally shocking and disgraceful, and raises the question of how low this administration and some of its admirers can get.

Equally shocking a disgraceful, however, is the silence of Trump's party bedfellows. Apparently, they enjoyed their leader's performance.

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