Sir,

Balkan immigrants

The United States contains a large concentration of immigrants from the Balkans and Former Yugoslavia. These immigrants represent numerous ethnic groups including Bosnian, Serbian and Croatian people and their families. In a country, that has a long history of ethnic challenges and civil rights demands, I am dismayed that the victims of the 1992-1995 holocaust in Bosnia-Herzegovina are rarely seen in the media, hardly ever have their history and culture presented in a non-hateful or fascist way and are basically non-represented in the daily news.

It is as if the mass killing and torture, death camps and mass raping committed by the Serbians never happened, as far as the world is concerned. Unfortunately for the affected Bosnian community the Serbian and Croatian crimes did occur in truly massive numbers. The Bosnian people suffer from a similar fate that the African Americans, American Indians and other ethnic minorities suffered from in our otherwise great nation. The Bosnians are underrepresented both here in America and back in their former nation as well. If you can’t get proper treatment in the land of the free, since you can’t go back to your own destroyed nation, where discrimination is even worse and more dangerous, then where can you go?

Does the United States offer a place where people can live in peace, freedom and safety? Evidently it does offer a chance at the great American dream. However you just will not hear about these people in the papers, except from hate mongers and insane barbarians, who killed often and brutally back in the mountains of Yugoslavia. You be the judge on this one.

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