

# Tea Party good for Fergus

**F**or the sake of the Constitution, Tuesday's "Tea Party" that took place at NP Park in Fergus Falls was a good thing.

Because of the Constitution's First Amendment, everyone in the United States enjoys the freedom of speech, and 700 residents exercised that right Tuesday, joining groups thought the country.

That said, one has to question some of the statements of those in attendance.

If the primary purpose of the Tea Party is to protest federal spending that has led to deficits, the argument has validity. Clearly, the deficits are a problem, one that our children and grandchildren will have to solve.

However, excessive federal spending leading to deficits had been happening during the Bush administration as well, when Tea Party gatherings were not taking place.

In addition, claims from Tea Party attendees that government officials lie, without providing support for their claims, seems off-base.

We're glad those who attended the Tea Party were able to exercise their First Amendment rights. We just don't agree their claims have validity.

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