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We write this editorial in the wake of the horrible events in Paris which began on January 7, 2015, when two gunmen reportedly forced the doors of Charlie Hebdo's headquarters and killed 12 individuals, including many journalists. Charlie Hebdo is a French weekly newspaper specializing in satirical caricatures. This was followed by more deaths. The people who were killed were from many different faiths and none. While the focus of the media in the economic north was on Paris, across the globe many people suffer and die in the face of imperialism and extreme sectarianism every day. The editorial team of *Critical Perspectives on Accounting* is deeply saddened by this carnage. Like many others, we consider the outrageous crime at Charlie Hebdo a despicable act against the freedom of thought and speech, and the freedom of press. While *Critical Perspectives on Accounting* has many differences with Charlie Hebdo, we share a profound belief in the freedom to think, speak and write. We are concerned that in the wake of the events in Paris, academic freedom, the right to openly debate and critically analyze all aspects of society will be curtailed. *Critical Perspectives on Accounting* is strongly opposed to all forms of imperialism, sexism, racism, classism, homophobia, religious fundamentalism, and inequality. The journal is also against excessive adherence to political economic ideologies such as neoliberalism and globalism. As accounting researchers, we should not be oblivious of the role that accounting can play in promoting dogmatism and injustice in society. On the other hand, it might be possible that radically new forms of accounting could be a progressive force in society, supporting intelligent thought and action and encouraging more inclusive behavior. While the practice of accounting is very much dependent upon its economic, political and social context, accounting can be enhanced, substantively speaking. We therefore would like to remind researchers that *Critical Perspectives on Accounting* is significantly committed to accounting research that aims to denounce dogmatism, document its detrimental consequences, and reflect on ways to enhance our societies while at the same time respecting our differences. Enfin, à tous ceux et celles qui ont perdu des proches lors de ce triste évènement, nous offrons nos plus sincères condoléances.