

Supporting life ^{C. Coloradoan} 3-2-01

Re: Feb. 22 letter to the editor: Peggy Loonan has a nerve calling Barbara Martin a liar. Loonan is so twisted up in her own lies that she can't see the truth. Her argument, that determined mothers will find a way to commit illegal abortions, therefore, we need legal abortions, makes as much sense as saying determined terrorists will always find ways to blow up planes so we should make it safer by making terrorism legal.

Loonan claims, "I have never been supportive of killing innocent human life for any reason at any stage of development." Abortion is the murder of unborn human babies. These children are innocent, they are in various stages of development, and they are alive until chemical, surgical, legal or illegal, procedures are used to destroy those lives for whatever reason. By promoting abortion, Loonan is "supportive of killing innocent human life for any reason at any stage of development."

Furthermore, Loonan proves her inconsistency, circular and illogical reasoning by accusing pro-lifers of "being willing to allow a fetus and woman to die from an illegal abortion." That is like saying those people who are opposed to the legalization of ecstasy want teens to die from illegal drug use. Pro-lifers don't want anyone to die from abortion; that is why we are against it!

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Support adoption

(Letter to the editor writer) Peggy Loonan is right, her stance has been misrepresented, but not by Barbara Martin, by herself. At the November debate, she said, "the fetus is human life" and "if a woman decides she cannot afford a child, she has the moral obligation to abort that baby!" Her ability to make those statements consistent with her recent comment: "I've never been supportive of killing innocent life" (Feb. 22) shows who is intellectually dishonest.

Abortion teaches our children if life seems too overwhelming, embarrassing and inconvenient, kill the most innocent, vulnerable person. Children learn they aren't worth much, nor are others — why not rape, kill and commit suicide? One student I know said, "My dad told my mom to abort my baby brother. They wish they could get rid of me, too."

There are 2,000,000 couples waiting to adopt (40 couples for each available baby, of all races and special needs). More than 16 million women have abortions each year. These children are loved and wanted by many people. Instead of spending billions to support the self-serving and barbaric abortion industry, why can't that money be used to support mothers in making life-giving choices, helping them deal with their difficult situations, and giving grants and loans to loving families who would like to join the 2 million couples waiting to adopt. Many good families could afford more children but cannot come up with the lump sum of \$10,000-\$40,000.

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