

Reduce need for abortion

Elizabeth and Jeff Andersen's March 2 and 3 comments on abortion are disturbing displays of anti-abortion dishonesty.

The number and reasons for third trimester abortions don't support their claim that Life and Liberty for Women, or Peggy Loonan, support killing innocent human life for any reason at any stage of development. Andersen said illegal abortion destroys fetal life, yet inexplicably they are willing to support public policy that doesn't solve for the killing of "babies" but incurs dangerous and deadly consequences to women's lives that legal abortion doesn't.

Andersen deliberately misquoted Loonan. Loonan never said that if a woman decides she can't afford a child she has the moral obligation to abort. Loonan said, "A woman may not be prepared to be a loving, committed, involved parent because she's finishing her education, has other children, or the father is AWOL. Loonan said those aren't frivolous reasons for terminating a pregnancy and doesn't signal for mainstream America the immorality of killing innocent human life under Roe vs. Wade's guidelines."

Andersen took Loonan's statement, which Elizabeth Andersen correctly quoted, "I've never been supportive of killing innocent human life for any reason at any stage of development," quoted only half, and took it out of context, applying it to a statement Loonan never made! That's dishonest.

Illegal abortion isn't the answer.

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Significantly reducing the number of unintended pregnancies with abstinence-based, age appropriate, comprehensive sex education; correct consistent condom use by men; and consistent correct usage of other birth control is the answer.

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