

Roe vs. Wade a balance

B.J. Nikkel's quotes of the American Medical Association and American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in her Sept. 18 commentary about the D&X abortion procedure was verbatim what I quoted. Imagine that? However, Nikkel stopped short of telling the whole truth again. The ACOG said, in some circumstances, it might be the best procedure to protect the health or life of a woman and only doctors and their patients can make that decision because only they know what the circumstances are. She left that out because it doesn't support her insinuation that the medical community supports a ban. Nikkel exploits women by telling half-truths.

The birth of a healthy viable fetus is not in process during a D&X abortion, and anti-abortion extremists know that. "Partial-birth" was deliberately designed to elicit an emotional reaction that would cloud critical medical realities. That accomplished, they tried to ban all abortions by deliberately using vague language in a so-called "partial-birth" abortion ban. The Supreme Court and Colorado voters saw through that very real and deliberate exploitation of women by anti-abortion extremists like Nikkel.

Caring abortion providers don't exploit women. I don't know any abortion provider for whom this is about money or harvesting anything. Providers I know don't have second homes on the French Riviera nor do they make any more money than their peers in the medical community. Providers continue to help women despite the anti-abortion extremists who surround their homes screaming threats.

What's right and moral is balancing the right to life as Roe vs. Wade does.

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