

Christians should vote

I just read another disturbing article in today's *Coloradoan*. The headline read "18-year-old gets one year in jail for killing dog." Another headline in today's paper read "House takes on Clinton's abortion ban veto." This article chastised Republicans for waiting until "Election Day drew within sight" to appease those of us who believe people that kill babies should also receive jail time.

I don't know about you, but this 42-year-old dad is fed up with the pro-abortion whiners. If they want to kill their babies, they have the right to under our current laws. I am tired of them trying to clear their consciences of murder by claiming it is their choice. Think of the choices available: abstinence, contraceptives and adoption. I have no statistics, so I will take a guess at 50 percent, as the numbers of abor-

tions performed for accidental pregnancies. If it is sometimes inconvenient for a woman to become pregnant, then why was it not a priority to take precautions? Could it be laziness?

I am sure that if you are pro-abortion, this letter will rattle your cage; great, it was meant to. Our society is turning into a fast-food society, "If it is inconvenient, I don't want to take any responsibility for it." If a dog has rights, so

should an unborn baby. Hopefully, after the next presidential election, things might turn around. Maybe you think it is great Bill Clinton turned the economy around. I think it is a disgrace what he did for our country's reputation, standards and morals. If you are a Christian, get off your butt and vote. The atrocities in our country can be turned around!

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Men have responsibility

In response to Joe Trotter's Aug. 6 letter: A woman's *right* to choose when and how many children she'll have is not a function of clearing one's conscience about abortion. When will the Trotters of this world get it! I respect his belief that abortion is murder; therefore "against abortion, don't have one." If Trotter wanted me to help him with efforts to keep the baby or find adoptive parents, I *would* do just that. However, understand that millions of men and women *do not* believe that life begins at conception, or that abortion in line with Roe is murder. Our conscience is clear!

Millions understand that, while abortion may not be a choice for them, they cannot impose their moral and religious beliefs on another person.

The true statistic is: Six out of 10 women coming to our clinics for abortion services do so because of failed birth control. Has Trotter told his legislators to pass legislation forcing insurance companies to cover contraceptives? Whenever he had sex, did he provide the contraceptive, i.e., condom, and did he know how to use it? How many young men has he counseled, not just about respecting women and abstinence, but about the importance and correct usage of condoms? I'll say it again until all the Trotters get it. Condoms used consistently and correctly are 98 percent effective.

If every man, married or not, used a condom every time he had sex, we would not have the number of unintended pregnancies we have! Think of the choice before your God-given male lusts get the better of you and wrap it first. Take responsibility. Don't be lazy. And, for God's sake, don't give her the usual excuses, i.e., spontaneity and condoms don't mix.

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