

Can't have it both ways with abortion

To the editor:

Regarding Peggy Loonan's letter (March 14), she seems to want it both ways, citing *Roe v. Wade* as "correctly and morally balancing" the right to life and liberty of woman and fetus. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Let's go back to 1972, the last year abortion was "illegal," before *Roe v. Wade*. According to the Centers for Disease Control (as reported by Cal Thomas, columnist), there were 29 women who died from illegal abortions, and 37 who died from legal ones. Most estimates are that between 100,000 and 300,000 abortions were performed legally and illegally. Let's contrast that to today, when more than 1.3 million abortions were performed last year. Talk about opening the floodgates. Now, women no longer have to worry or even think about the responsibility that comes with sex.

Loonan is correct in assuming men should bear their part of the burden of contraception, but her stating men can prevent pregnancy by using a condom is untrue. Condoms are only 85 percent effective when used correctly.

Loonan can in no way advocate a "female fetus right to life and liberty" while advocating legal elective abortion for no other reason than to terminate a life.

She calls us "anti-abortion extremists" while wanting to keep abortion legal up to term. Now that's an exercise in semantics.

Finally, Ms. Loonan says Dave Snyder is

"dead wrong" about the wall of church and state. But the founding fathers meant for moral laws to be incorporated into legal ones. They just felt no need for a state-imposed religion. Many of our laws are based on the Ten Commandments.

No, Peggy, you are dead wrong.

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