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## **WHEN FETUSES BECOME DISPOSABLE BODY PARTS!**



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*Here's what provoked me:*

*There have been several editorials in the Des Moines Register that are aggressively dismissive of even the most sincere anti-abortion supporters. One that happened this week seemed like a "school-marm" wagging a finger and proclaiming: "Let's repeat: Fetus is part of the mother."*

*Here's my response:*

### **When Fetuses Become Disposable Body Parts!**

The February 21 editorial is very blunt: "Let's repeat: Fetus is part of the mother." That was followed by a disgustingly insensitive subtitle: "Government issues birth certificates, not fetal heartbeat detection certificates." That reminds me of an editorial from last year which mocked conservative lawmakers by referring to their "creepy obsession with women's reproductive choices." Both editorials conjured up an image of a wagging finger pointing out my social justice transgressions.

Why is there disdain for my sincere opinions on the definition of human life and the sanctity thereof? Disagree if you must, but set aside those feelings of disgust. I don't deserve it. What's behind this urgency to express such angst with opinions like mine?

For a while the "essential women's healthcare" argument satisfied me enough to withhold public argument. But as I contemplated the 60 million fetal deaths since Roe v. Wade, I realized this is anything but essential women's healthcare. There is certainly an element of healthcare, but when did so much of abortion rights come to be driven by mere convenience for disposing of unwanted body parts?

What's really behind your impatient scolding of those sincerely committed to the right to life movement.