

 **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

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LIFE AND ABORTION!**



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*Here's what provoked me:*

*I have heard and read so much about the Supreme Court's Hobby Lobby decision that I believe misleads the public as to what the case was about and its implications. Hobby Lobby was only claiming a right to not provide insurance coverage for drugs, such as "morning after pills," that actually TERMINATES a pregnancy. Their objection was to those drugs that are NOT true contraception methods. A contraceptive, by definition, PREVENTS a pregnancy.*

*Here's my response:*

**Hobby Lobby Isn't About Contraception! It's About the Definition of Human Life and Abortion!**

What was the Supreme Court's Hobby Lobby decision about? Let's first gather some terms and phrases that have been floated constantly: delivers severe blow to women's rights; employer intrusion into health care; religious intrusion into secular organizations; slippery slope for further corporate interference and unintended consequences; indicates corporations own people; radical reshaping of workplace law; misinterpretation of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act; blow to women's ability to control their reproductive lives and compete in the economy; result of old men making decisions for women; limitation on access to preventive medicine; legalizes religious discrimination ..... and on and on!

Hobby Lobby isn't simply about freedom of religion or women's rights, or even health care. And the Court's decision isn't at all about contraception because it narrowly deals with drugs that destroy a fetus in the form of a fertilized egg - that's NOT contraception, which is the **prevention** of fertilizing that egg. **It's really a ruling that recognizes the importance of applying caution and wisdom when dealing with the definition of human life and abortion.** Remember that Federal law, in its wisdom, prohibits tax dollars from being spent on abortion. The decision therefore prevents the government, through the ACA, to mandate the cost of certain abortions be paid for by employers and corporations.