

 **TODAY'S "SHORT TOPIC"**  
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*Here's what provoked me:*

*Hey SB! I just came across this quote by Professor Cristina Beltran of NYU: "What's really horrific is women who are pregnant being forced to bear children against their will. That's horrific!" She was referring to the recent Planned Parenthood "crushing" scandal! It's hard to believe that some people really look at a fetus as merely a collection of "spare parts" rather than a human life?*

*I read that Planned Parenthood is now referring to fetuses as merely "products of conception." Even for the many people who are not pro-life zealots, don't you think they would agree with me that it's sad how far the values of this country have drifted? - Stefano Bachovich - obscure curmudgeon and wise political pundit - a prolific purveyor of opinions on just about everything - SB's primary "go to guy."*

*Here's my response:*

**Are Those Pesky "Pro-Lifers" Sincere? And, What If They Are Right?**

On July 16, Mary Lou Sowa offered a potpourri of philosophical thinking in "On equality, abortion." Regarding the "abortion" topic, she "shrugs" off the debate by instructing others to consider this question when contemplating the issue: "How does it affect me?" and "What right do we have to dictate..." She also states: "I have always lived by the motto 'Live and Let Live' and, if it doesn't affect me, what's the problem?"

One thing that's being lost in Sowa's presentation is that abortion affects at least 2 other "people": the, uh... "aborte," and the father! I'm sure Sowa would accuse me of unfairly discounting her sincerity regarding this issue. But perhaps, in like manner, she is discounting the sincerity of pro-life activists.

Do pro-lifers sincerely believe in what they are proclaiming? What if we get to the point, scientifically and philosophically, that these activists are right, and fetuses ARE accepted as human beings? Would that change Sowa's argument? Would her self-proclaimed motto "Live and Let Live," still apply?

We hear a lot of requests to have a conversation about \_\_\_\_\_ (you fill in the blank.) Isn't it time we have a serious "conversation" about "the definition of life"?