

 **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**
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By Stephen L. Bakke  October 23, 2014

Here's what provoked me:

I came across an article by a well-meaning writer from “out east.” I know this was an attempt for the writer to appear as a strict “middle of the roader” on the issue of abortion. It struck me as sincere, but condescending; intellectual, but naïve; and incorrectly proclaiming there is some sort of middle ground on this issue. I’ve yet to see where that middle ground could be as long as both sides truly are sincere – which most are!

Here's my response 😊:

Those Pesky “Pro-Lifers”! Just Maybe They are Sincere! And Just Maybe They are Right!

Re: Nikki Yaeger’s article “To the Pro-life activists with posters” – November 15. Her contention is that pro-life activists should quit using the gruesome posters and focus on providing “information and compassion.” She introduced herself as being “pro-choice but not pro-abortion. That strikes me as uncertain, confused, and perhaps even “conscience ridden.”

Yaeger assures us these women who are demonized by the pro-lifers are fully informed, sincere, have “OCCASIONAL REGRET,” and are NOT murderers. Regarding her scolding implication that pro-lifers wrongfully accuse women having abortion as murderers, if one accepts that assertion, shouldn’t she also concede that those who oppose abortion don’t really hate women.

One thing that’s being lost in Ms. Yaeger’s presentation is that abortion affects at least 2 other “people”: the, uh “aborte,” and the father! I’m sure Ms. Yaeger would accuse me of unfairly discounting her sincerity in presenting this analysis of a very controversial issue. But perhaps, in like manner, she is discounting the sincerity of the pro-life activists.

Pro-lifers believe sincerely in what they are doing! I must ask you, Ms. Yaeger, what if these activists are right and fetuses actually ARE full-fledged human beings? Would that change the conversation?

