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## AN IDEOLOGUE IS ALWAYS THE OTHER DUDE!

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*Here's what provoked me:*

*The Des Moines Register is a liberal newspaper and one of its most talented columnists is also the most liberal – and Rekha Basu, sometimes carries it to the extreme. I recommend her articles but be prepared to shiver a little at some of what she writes. I have no doubt she is absolutely and resolutely sincere, so that makes it easier for me to understand her. But nevertheless .....*

*Here's my response:*

### **An Ideologue is Always the Other Dude!**

The wonderfully talented Rekha Basu slipped off her perch again, which she does once in a while. In her 4/13/18 article “Why no red flags on board candidate?” she makes a very specific statement in opposition to conservative ideologues. A candidate for the Iowa Board of Medicine was rejected for very conservative views, and she explains why. Ms. Basu wants to promote folks who are not “ideologically doctrinaire.”

That rejection really doesn't bother me so much because those making the selection can reach a determination that the candidate wouldn't be fair and objective. I may not agree, but that's their right. What I find objectionable is that Ms. Basu objects to ideological individuals when she's a famous ideologue on many issues.

This objection to ideologues is coming from someone who begrudgingly supported inducting pro-life women into Iowa Women's Hall of Fame (8/30/17), She also declared that “life begins at conception” is a myth (3/31/17), then added: “Lawmakers should stop playing God.”

Rekha Basu's objection to ideologues seems quite hypocritical. I guess that for her, it's always the “other dude” who's the inflexible ideologue.