

# Letters

Dear Editor:

I would like to respond to Mr. Joseph Sanlei's article "The Abortion Dilemma", which appeared in the Jan. 31 Sun. I will attempt to show that Mr. Sanlei's article lacks objectivity and as such is not a useful addition to the abortion debate.

Mr. Sanlei begins, and writes approximately half of the article, in an objective manner. He cites

the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court ruling which said, in Mr. Sanlei's words, "...the right to a safe legal abortion cannot be denied any woman who so chooses to terminate a pregnancy within the first trimester". He cites a poll taken in the U.S. recently whose chief finding was that "...more than 88% of the American people supported abortion in all or some circumstances".

But, in the second half of the article Mr. Sanlei no longer writes with total objectivity. He cites a Boston Globe editorial which he says charges that "...those opposed to Medicaid funding of abortions have insured that poor women bear the brunt of the belief that abortion is always morally wrong". This statement involves interpreting an inequity

in the enforcement of the Supreme Court's ruling in such a way as to place the blame for this inequity on the anti-abortion forces (those opposed to Medicaid funding). Clearly, if the ruling of the Supreme Court is not being enforced in an equitable manner, it is the fault of those whose responsibility it is to enforce it, not the anti-abortion forces.

Next Mr. Sanlei cites a study which advocates abortion on demand, but he fails to mention that there are also studies in existence which advocate increased restrictions on abortion. Then comes the concluding paragraph, in the final sentence of which Mr. Sanlei again betrays his lack of objectivity: "Canadians must begin now to guarantee that the right to a free choice (concerning abortion) becomes a reality throughout the Canadian nation".

I object to Mr. Sanlei's lack of objectivity in "The Abortion Dilemma" because objectivity - at all times the prime journalistic principle - becomes even more important when the controversy being discussed is one with the immense magnitude of the abortion issue. An addition to the abortion debate which does not strive for total objectivity is not useful.

John Moore

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