



Ron Worman: One crazy, bat-guano thing after another

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Before the First Amendment is struck from the Constitution, and complete oligarchy or theocracy rules the land, I would like to share some thoughts and opinions. In particular, I would like to respond to Marilyn Wirth's most recent column ("[Pro-life support continues post-birth](#)," Opinion Page, Feb. 16, 2017.)

Her column — a response to Wayne Savageau's Letter to the Editor ("[Marching for life, ignoring the living](#)," Opinion Page, Feb. 10, 2017) — failed, I believe, to fully and clearly address Mr. Savageau's main point: The pro-life movement seems to stop being pro-life following the birth of a baby.

Mr. Savageau mentioned many things that Mrs. Wirth simply glossed over or ignored. They are as follows: Cutting or eliminating government programs related to health care, nutrition, housing, education, and job training; cuts to Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid; and reduced spending on services for people with disabilities.

Mrs. Wirth did write about a baby's right to be born, and the care available to newborns and mothers. She mentioned adoption and help available to post-abortive women. But she didn't really address many of the issues mentioned by Mr. Savageau, other than to intimate that communities and organizations, rather than the government, should deal with societal problems and ills.

Mr. Savageau referenced former Congressman Barney Frank: "For Republicans, life begins at conception and ends at birth." Does that hold true for all pro-lifers? Or do they believe in the value and dignity of life at all stages — from womb to tomb?

If you are pro-life, are you against the death penalty? If you are pro-life, are you against unjust wars? Are you for eradicating hunger and homelessness? Are you for protecting the environment and being good stewards of the Earth? If we destroy the planet, there's no life whatsoever.

When you stop to think about it, we're really just parasites needing a host in order to live. No Earth = No Life.

If you are pro-life, are you for sensible gun-control laws? According to Cato Institute data, from 1975 to 2015, terrorists in the seven nations included in President Trump's travel ban killed zero — zero! — people in the U.S. In that same period, guns claimed 1.34 million lives in America.

If you are pro-life, are you ready to become a Samaritan? In a recent address to the World Meeting of Popular Movements, Pope Francis called on all to become Samaritans and not disown our neighbors. “Do not classify others in order to see who is a neighbor and who is not,” he said. “No people is criminal and no religion is terrorist.”

If you are pro-life, are you for offering safe haven to immigrants and refugees? The U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops recently released a statement saying, “We strongly disagree with the Executive Order halting refugee admissions. We believe . . . welcoming newcomers and refugees is an act of love and hope.”

The bishops went on to say, “We believe in assisting all those who are vulnerable and fleeing persecution, regardless of their religion. They are children of God and are entitled to be treated with human dignity. . . . By helping to resettle the most vulnerable, we are living out our Christian faith as Jesus challenged us to do.”

Are you truly pro-life, or are you just anti-abortion? Just wondering.

Just wondering, too, how one can say that Mr. Savageau's views on the Trump administration and the GOP are “totally inaccurate and border on hyperbole” and “are unfounded claims and exaggerated fears.” Are you kidding me?

Trump and his cronies have a monopoly on hyperbole and unfounded claims. From Day One, it has been one crazy, bat-guano thing after another: Alternate facts, fake news, voter fraud, crowd sizes, an historic Electoral College win, dangerous people pouring into the country, the Bowling Green Massacre, Sweden, blah, blah, blah. My God, it's dizzying!

And to suggest that the Democrats should “stop being obstructionists” is simply laughable. Mitch McConnell and the GOP said from the beginning that they wanted to see President Obama fail and they did everything they could to throw up obstacles and roadblocks in his way. They make me want to throw up!

Mrs. Wirth writes often about biased news sources and liberal radicalization and indoctrination. Where is one to obtain unbiased news and opinions? From Steve Bannon's Breitbart News? From Rush Limbaugh? From FOX News?

Watch out! FOX News may be the next to incur President Trump's wrath. FOX anchor Shepard Smith recently said, “It's absolutely crazy. He (Trump) keeps repeating ridiculous, throwaway lines that are not true at all.” Trump supporters are calling for Smith's head on a platter. Chris Wallace better watch his step. After what he said last Sunday, his head may be next.

The truth is that we all become indoctrinated in some way or another. Our values, opinions, and views are shaped by a number of factors. And in the United States of America we still possess certain rights and freedoms that allow us to express them.

While the First Amendment still exists, I will — whether one agrees, or disagrees with them — continue to express mine.