

(The following is a reprint of an article written by Dave Andrusko in the October 8, 2024 edition of *NRL News Today*. Parenthetical statements are mine.)

The National Right to Life Committee has written about the “Abortion Distortion” many, many times in the past. In brief, it means that the usual legal rules are twisted all out of shape in order to favor abortion. Pro-abortion Democrats wield it as a hammer to bash pro-life Republicans, whether or not there is any substance to the Democrat’s charge. (Bias, Denial, Lies, Fear-mongering... anything to win.)

Imagine my pleasant surprise when I read an editorial in the *Wall Street Journal* under the headline, “The Abortion Distortion Campaign.”

It is a damning indictment of pro-abortion Democrats who falsely, maliciously, and unscrupulously assign positions on abortion to pro-life Republicans that they don’t hold. For example, it doesn’t matter how often, or how clearly, a pro-life Republican says he or she supports a life of the mother exception, the Party of Death will insist they don’t. (We actually want to protect women. Abortion harms them.)

But the whoppers don’t stop there.

“A major offender is Tim Walz, who, in the recent vice-presidential debate said that Republicans support ‘a registry of pregnancies,’” the editorial writes. “This followed Mr. Walz’s claim last month that “[Donald] Trump is trying to create this new government entity that will monitor all pregnancies to enforce their abortion bans. (That’s just stupid. Who has the time for this?)

“The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee is running variations of this *Handmaid’s Tale* fiction, with ads accusing House Republican candidates of wanting to ‘allow state governments to track pregnant women to prosecute them if they get an abortion.’” (It is patently false that we want to criminalize women. The culpability would lie with the “medical professionals” that perform abortions.)

The tactic is employed reflexively by any Democrat who feels the walls closing in on him. “Pennsylvania Sen. Bob Casey is pulling the same dishonest trick, saying GOP challenger Dave McCormick wants to ban abortion, even in cases of rape or incest.’ That’s false,” the editorial asserts. “Mr. McCormick’s position is that ‘any abortion law should make exceptions for rape, incest, and when the life of the mother is in danger.’ Montana’s Democratic Sen. Jon Tester is giving the same ‘no exception’ treatment to Tim Sheehy, despite the Republican’s clear statements to the contrary.” (Whether we agree or not, the majority of Americans would find these exceptions reasonable, but the left will not rest until it paints pro-lifers as extreme, unreasonable women-haters. As if abortion-advocates would ever be content with allowing abortion only in these cases.)

There are, unfortunately, other examples. If Democrats could experience shame, they would not tell boldface lies. (Kind of a broad brushstroke there, but he’s on a roll.)

“Politics isn’t pickleball,” the editorial continues. (Too bad. If it were, I might run for office.) “But Democrats aren’t even attempting to be honest about abortion this year. Perhaps they’re lying so extravagantly because abortion is a rare issue on which they have a clear political advantage.” And the reason they have the advantage, I would add, is that they joyfully employ the “abortion distortion.” The editorial concludes, “The next time you see an abortion ad from a Democrat, assume it’s not telling the truth.” Amen. (It’s all smoke and mirrors until someone gets hurt.)



(I fear that “abortion distortion” has so blinded abortion advocates that they do not see the correlation between dangerous back-alley abortions and unsupervised at-home--but oh-how-convenient! chemical abortions. The abortion pill is the new coat hanger. How could something that violates a woman’s natural function of pregnancy be considered healthcare?)

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