

**Correct term**

Regarding the recent article by Lia Saliccia (*ODE*, Aug. 9). Lia neglected to realize the correct term for "anti-abortion" advocates is actually pro-life. Pro-life advocates do not like to be called anti-abortion any more than pro-choice advocates like to be called anti-life.

It is not that we deny being anti-abortion but we like the emphasis to be on the fact that we truly believe we are protecting the lives of children who are defenseless. In the same way, the pro-choice movement is not about being pro-abortion; it is about allowing women the right to choose the destiny of their own bodies without any other individual telling them what they can and can't do.

I know, I know. Now you are going to tell me that Paul Hill (the self-admitted gunman) is not pro-life. Well, you are correct; he seems to have missed the boat on the concept behind the pro-life movement. Most people who use the terms anti-life, anti-choice, or anti-abortion really don't understand the issue. But then again, I don't think most people on both sides of the issue really understand the other side.

This seems to be a lot of noise over a simple name and typically I tend not to care about names or labels. If Saliccia's article had been an opinion column, I would have probably just ignored it. However, it was on

the front page and appeared to be an information article. Information articles are supposed to report, not argue. I have found from experience that people who use terms like anti-abortion are using it in a derogatory manner. I'm sure this is not the case this time, but I would just feel better if the *Emerald* editorial staff would keep in mind the appropriate label for all groups.

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**No minority**

For 25 years, we've seen the advancement of homosexuality from an immoral, illegal act to a behavior demanding minority status and forced acceptance by society. If homosexuality is truly a minority, why must there be an exemption clause for churches and people of faith? Do other minorities require exemptions so they do not trample the Constitutional rights of others? No!

What makes homosexuality different from true minorities? First, homosexuality is not unchangeable like race, gender, national origin. If it were, why have thousands left the lifestyle? And what about bisexuals? How can you have it both ways?

Second, contrary to other minorities, homosexuality requires an act of the will to participate. A person must decide to engage in the act or not. Thinking about stealing does not make someone a thief. Acting out those thoughts make a per-

son a thief.

To ward off arguments that religion is an act of the will, our Founding Fathers directly protected religious freedom in the Bill of Rights. They understood government must not dictate over the church. To have a "free country," the Founding Fathers knew society had to willingly govern themselves. A government like ours will prosper if the people are a virtuous and moral people willing to restrain themselves from immoral and illegal acts.

Homosexuality must disguise itself as a minority in order to force the public to accept and affirm their immoral behavior. Tolerating lawful sexual practices in privacy is one thing; affirmation is a whole different story.

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**Misinformation**

Your Aug. 4 article on the so-called "Equal Tax" ballot measure exemplifies the confusion that comes when reporters ignorantly parrot misinformation from one-sided sources. This is a crackpot measure that would hit Oregonians in wildly uneven and unfair ways.

No estimate of its revenue for the state is worth the paper it's printed on. The mistakes in the article's arithmetical calculation about the funds it would yield for higher education would

embarrass a normal eighth grader. Any students who believe that it will reduce their tuition had better hold on tight to their checkbooks.

Upon whom did your reporter rely for her "facts" for this article? Peg Jolin is not only a former state senator but also a convicted felon who embraced lots of half-witted ideas during her sojourn in Salem.

Walter Huss is a long-time right-wing extremist. A couple of years back he could be found spearheading a campaign to rename Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in Portland.

If your reporter sought credible arguments against Ballot Measure 20, she would only have to discuss it with any serious analyst of Oregon's finances.

This state's fiscal morass — and its implications for students and workers at the University — is too serious to be handled in this fashion.

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**Unsafe lifestyle**

"You can't legislate morality." A catchy phrase we've heard. But actually, we legislate morality all the time. Webster's defines "moral" as relating to principles of right or wrong in behavior. People can't live together without a standard of right and wrong, which by definition, is "morality."

The question today is whose morality will prevail in law: the

Founding Fathers' morality that made this country great, or the new morality of the left causing the moral decline of America.

Society historically has placed parameters around unhealthy or destructive behaviors: laws against recreational drug use, sexually transmitted disease partners tracked (except AIDS), communicable disease quarantined to protect the uninfected.

However, liberal left-wing clout and intimidation has exempted the homosexual lifestyle. Studies show between 1 and 3 percent of America is homosexual, yet the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention studies show homosexuals to be responsible for 50 percent of all cases of syphilis, gonorrhea of the throat and intestinal infections. Additionally, homosexuals are 5,000 times more likely to contract AIDS and have a 20-50 times greater chance of contracting hepatitis B than heterosexuals.

The liberal left's agenda has been to legitimize homosexual behavior although homosexuality has proven to be unsafe, unhealthy and unwise. To equate homosexuality with moral goodness is irrational. Looking back to the principles espoused by our Founding Fathers, we now realize their wisdom on these matters.

If you want to put an end to this madness, vote yes for Ballot Measure 13, the Minority Status and Child Protection Act, in November.

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