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## Saving lives II

Law professor Mark Osler proposes we discuss political issues with those who disagree [Column, Sept. 13]. Suppose in late October two friends meet for coffee to discuss the upcoming election. In Osler's example the Democrat worries about the growth of government debt. She points out that Trump is adding debt faster than Obama did and that Republicans have recently added more debt than Democrats, even though Republicans are supposedly fiscal hawks.

The Republican concedes the Democrat's point and brings up the issue of abortion. She states that each abortion murders a person that God created in his image and God hates the shedding of innocent blood. The Democrat concedes the Republican's point and decides to vote pro-life because she respects God and his word. Besides that, science shows that that lump of tissue is a baby.

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### LETTERS

#### BLM & abortion

This is not your parent's or your grandparent's civil rights movement.

In recent days, the Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation scrubbed its website of longstanding "reform" initiatives. Here are a couple of phrases that vanished:

"We disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure requirement by supporting each other as extended families and 'villages' that collectively care for one another." This is akin to Marxism and diametrically opposed to the thinking of Martin Luther King Jr. and the 2008 Father's Day message of President Barack Obama.

A second notable BLM principle removed was, "We deserve and thus we demand reproductive justice that gives

us autonomy over our bodies and our identities." In plain language, BLM demands the unrestricted right to have African-American babies in the womb extinguished. Sadly, abortion numbers indicate substantial "progress."

On a personal note, the civil rights movement of the 1960s welcomed Catholics as brothers and sisters, arm in arm. Recent protests motivated by BLM have desecrated Catholic churches and toppled or smashed the heads of statues of our religious sites.

Will I affirm and support Black Lives Matter? Not a chance. However, I will work night and day to defend African-American babies and moms threatened by abortion. And I will love the African-American members of my family.

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