

Letters

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Hateful acts

So Pro-Life Waco executive director John Pisciotta is surprised the “battle” over reproductive rights “spills over into personal interactions”? Mr. Pisciotta, abortion is an intensely personal decision. When you decide it’s your right to make that decision for someone else, it’s going to get contentious. This is the atmosphere you created. You claim to seek reasoned discussion, but your actions indicate that you do hate women.

■ When you and your cohorts stand outside Planned Parenthood and yell horrible things to me and the staff and patients as we go inside — that hate is evident.

■ When you work diligently to shut down Planned Parenthood and cut off access to birth control and reproductive health for thousands of Central Texas women — that is a hateful act.

■ When you consistently put the rights of a potential person above the rights of the woman — that is a hateful position.

■ When you don’t show compassion for the women who have to make a difficult choice — and didn’t make the choice you wanted them to make — that is a mean-spirited and hateful stance.

■ When you twist facts and lie to persuade others to believe what you believe — that is a disgusting and hateful maneuver.

The fact all of your efforts are designed to stop a procedure that you will personally never be in a position to fully understand only illustrates your hypocrisy and cowardice.

I have had reasoned discussions with those who oppose abortion rights — with the understanding that neither of us would change our positions. Yet we can agree to disagree. I am under no illusions that I could ever convince you to support a woman’s right to choose, but for you to spend such energy to strip away that right from someone else shows contempt for them and their situation.

Cheryl Foster, Waco

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You know, I have had enough grandstanding from John Pisciotta to last a lifetime and I am taking this letter to a personal level. To quote a bumper sticker, “You are entitled to your own opinion, but not your own facts.”

For so many years, Mr. Pisciotta has been published in the local media with letters, columns, not to mention being quoted in news articles. His followers defend him and his vitriol. He can say until the world looks level that he does not engage in vitriol, but every time

he utters a word it is hateful, as stated so succinctly by Cheryl Foster. I know this for a fact, as I have witnessed pro-life demonstrations in front of local Planned Parenthood facilities and Planned Parenthood of Central Texas “Nobody’s Fool” events. Demonstrators yell with great venom and hate.

Mr. Pisciotta can “chuckle” all he wants about the perceived behavior of anyone in his group, but the twisted rhetoric is there. Mr. Pisciotta has been known to approach supporters of PPCT and even personally

contact staff from PPCT. an attempt to engage the in some sort of confrontation, though he is not going to change opinions with his bullying tactics. He is so very proud of his Pro-Life Waco director title that I believe he has lost track of any other issues that we are all faced with on a daily basis.

Mr. Pisciotta, it’s time for you to “let it go.” Nobody is pro-abortion, but abortion continues to be a legal procedure. From now on, if I see your name in the paper for any reason, I will rip it up without reading it. I’m so tired of you and those like you and your “broken-record” speeches and holier-than-thou attitude.

Donna M. Myers, Waco