

The Letter That CNN Never Answered

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Dear Sir or Madam:

As you have indicated on <http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/2003/iraq/forces/casualties/>, 4,012 American soldiers have been killed in Iraq as of April 2, 2008. Obviously, the number of American casualties in Iraq and Afghanistan is one of the most frequently repeated news items on CNN. But what about the lives lost from induced abortions? Do these not deserve to have their number publicized repeatedly by the media?

According to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, "from 1973 through 2005, more than 45 million legal abortions occurred" (http://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/fb_induced_abortion.html). If we divide 45 million by 33 (the number of years from 1973 through 2005), we get an average of 1,363,636 lives lost each year in the U.S. When we divide this number by 365 (days/year), we get an average of 3,736 legal abortions EVERY DAY. We should not overlook the fact that 4,012 American soldiers have lost their lives since fighting began in Iraq on Mar. 19, 2003. But what about the 3,700 "fetuses" who lose theirs EVERY DAY? Will CNN have the fortitude to present THESE STATISTICS, in addition to those on the war in Iraq, thus demonstrating that they are truly unbiased in their presentation of the news?

Perhaps CNN is concerned about offending pro-choice advocates by the mere presentation of such information. Or could its absence reflect a hidden, pro-choice agenda? I have yet to see an unbiased presentation of abortion statistics on any major news network. Who will be the first to reveal these facts to the American public as regularly as we hear of the number of casualties from the war in Iraq? What major news network will make the truly unbiased statement that "since Roe v. Wade approximately 50 million legal abortions have been performed in the United States"? Will CNN also present the statistics for THESE American casualties?

At this very moment, news networks are telling us that, according to a study by the University of Michigan, "the lives of 200 of the roughly 370 fetuses killed yearly in U.S. vehicle crashes would be spared if all pregnant women wore seat belts" (<http://www.reuters.com/article/domesticNews/idUSN0128456520080402>). The necessary inference is that women should wear seat belts in order to protect the lives of their unborn children. What major news network will offer pregnant women practical advice to protect their unborn children from abortion?

If you choose not to air abortion statistics based on the idea that they reflect a "personal decision," please remember that the war in Iraq, wearing a seat belt, and numerous other news items presented by CNN ultimately require viewers to make a choice regarding the information presented. Likewise, please present abortion facts and let the viewers decide!

Lastly, please answer the following question: Does your internationally trademarked slogan "Be The First To Know" also apply to abortion statistics? A yes or no answer will be sufficient.

I earnestly await your impartial, nonpartisan response.

Sincerely,

Jerry Falk