

## Letters to the Editor

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# Placards send out powerful message, but who is targeted?

### To the editor:

It never ceases to amaze me how otherwise intelligent people can often miss the point.

When I first read the front-page article addressing the graphic anti-abortion placards, I clearly understood the point of Cindy Dionne.

As a parent of three young children, who as well were forced to look at these graphically violent photos, I concur with her outrage.

The most recent letter by Helen Sloan clearly misses the mark.

The issue was not whether a clearly biased person should have discussed her personal views on abortion with her 17-year-old daughter. The issue was whether graphic photos, which would undoubtedly receive PG-13 or above ratings should be publicly displayed for four, seven, and nine-year olds to see.

I commend Sloan for graphically sharing her description of “sucking out the brain contents.” Fortunately the editorial page of the Standard-Freeholder is read by people capable of censoring information and coming to their own conclusions.

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The likelihood of a four-year-old having nightmares as a direct result of the editorial article are rather limited.

While it is fortunate many of Cornwall's youth are alive to witness the placards, I do not believe they should be traumatized as a result. The media, the courts, and the political arenas are appropriate venues to fight for changes to laws one feels are inadequate. Organizations such as “Birthright” target specific clients with whom to share their message.

Cindy Dionne's son, as well as numerous others who have not yet entered kindergarten, are not likely the target audience for such “educational” protests.

I am glad Sloan had her eyes opened after 20-years of volunteering in a controversial area and was now finally doused with vinegar.

It is, however, unfortunate so many young, innocent youths who should have the right to be educated by their parents were forced to be hit with the excess splash!

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