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Re: Letter from U. S. Senator Mary Landrieu  
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Dear Gentlemen, Mesdames,

In her letter published in the 15 March 2001 edition of the Clarion Herald, Senator Landrieu states she is not pro-abortion. She states she is opposed to late term and partial-birth abortions. However, in her closing paragraph she states, "I believe this issue" (abortion) "involves wrenching decisions which, within reasonable and common-sense guidelines as stated above, should be made by the individual, her doctor and according to her conscience - not by the government."

Senator Landrieu therefore does believe abortions should be allowed. If one believes abortions should be allowed, such one can not be pro-life, and can not be anti-abortion. The only position left is that of being pro-abortion.

There is no middle ground in morality. Our Lord clearly stated, "He that is not with me, is against me." (Mat 12:30, Luke 11:23). With this as our guide, we realize that morality (which is God's unchanging law, not man's changeable law) is constant and does not allow one to stand on both sides of a moral fence. When someone is against allowing abortions in some instances and in favor of allowing abortions in other instances, such person is in favor of allowing abortions and no qualification of conditions can change the fact that under certain circumstances such person is in favor of allowing abortions. Such person is therefore pro-abortion.

Were the subject extra-marital sexual intercourse, then the statement, "I believe this issue involves wrenching decisions which, within reasonable and common-sense guidelines as stated above, should be made by the individual, her doctor and according to her conscience - not by the government," would un-equivocally be one which supported extra-marital sexual intercourse. Likewise, there should be no doubt that holding the position that the decision to have or not have an abortion should be made by the mother, is supporting the ability to have an abortion, and therefore is a pro-abortion stance.

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