

Review bears false witness

Two articles on the Opinion Page (CR, Aug. 7) should have been vetted before publication. “The Beautiful American” passed judgment on the Hudson Institute with the words “red flag” and “corporate funded conservative think tank.” If you are going to call a source a liar, do not base your article on acceptance of that source’s analysis and conclusion. If you do not think the source was a liar, do not imply lying.

Was dismissing abortion as a criterion your intent in publishing the letter to the editor titled “Pro-Life positions are not limited to abortion?” Before asking your readers to accept moral equivalence between the Iraq war and abortion in America, the number of abortions needed to be estimated. I applied Guttmacher data (https://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/2006/08/03/ab_incidence.pdf); truncating the 1,287,000 abortions in 2003 to 1.2 million, and applied that number to the years 2003 to 2008. To compare abortions in the United States to Iraq casualties, I added the 100,000 abortions per month that occurred from April 2003 to July 2008. By choosing to publish “Pro-Life positions are not limited to abortion,” you were asking your readers to ignore 6.4 million abortions.