

# Letters: Does the Baptist Standard have an angle?

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## **RE: Editorial: Angle: Does the Baptist Standard have one?**

What's my "angle?" Could angle be compared to a political hot button? Some of the hot buttons today are abortion, LGBT rights, bigotry, contempt for the poor. Jesus didn't seem to have a lot to say about LGBT or abortion, but he had a lot to say about other issues, especially hypocrisy.

A number of states—including Alabama and Texas—have enacted harsh laws against abortion. Alabama wants to send doctors who perform abortions to prison for up to [99 years](#) while some in [Texas](#) are in favor of executing women who have an abortion. How can one be more "pro-life" than that?

What is driving these laws? Concern for the unborn? Actually, the lawmakers admit the motivation is political. Intended or implied, lawmakers know recent abortion bans set up a [contest over \*Roe v. Wade\*](#).

The governor of Alabama signed onto the legislation one day and signed the OK for the execution of a mentally handicapped man the next day. A few days ago, the state performed another execution. Last week, New Hampshire became the 21<sup>st</sup> state to abolish the death penalty as the legislators overrode the veto by the Republican governor.

Have you noticed that the states with the strictest anti-abortion laws also are the states that still have the death penalty? If one is for the death

penalty and says he or she is “pro-life,” he or she is inconsistent, at best, and a hypocrite, at worst.

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