

# COMMON GROUND ON ABORTION?

On June 18, Bill Donohue spoke to the “On Common Ground” forum that *RHRealityCheck.org* launched on abortion.

Donohue said that the terms “dialogue” and “common ground” are innocuous enough, and may even convey something benign. But when selectively invoked by ideologues as a political vehicle, they are devious. Such is the case with the latest effort by *RHRealityCheck.org*.

*RHRealityCheck.org* may have been able to persuade reasonable persons like Steven Waldman of *Beliefnet* to join in this effort, but too many of the announced participants are hardened pro-abortion activists. Moreover, the website demonizes a number of religious conservative groups by labeling them “far right” organizations. It even posted an attack piece on Donohue done at the behest of the nation’s most notorious anti-Catholic group, Catholics for Choice; this shell of an organization has twice been condemned by the U. S. Bishops.

As bad as these aspects of the project are, they are nothing when compared to the vicious denunciations of Crisis Pregnancy Centers. If giving young women an alternative to abortion is considered taboo, then the entire Common Ground project is destined for failure. It also shows that their alleged interest in adoption is a ruse.

Donohue ended his statement saying, “Religious conservatives should not only reject offers to participate in this forum—they should condemn it as a fraud.”

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# COURT UPHOLDS GAY MARRIAGE BAN

On May 26, we issued a statement on the decision by the California Supreme Court upholding the resolution banning same-sex marriage in California. (Although the decision upheld the ban, it also ruled that the 18,000 homosexual couples that were married before the ban went into effect would stay married.)

The shame of it all is that after the citizens of California said no to gay marriage last fall—the people always say no (the record is 30-0 in state ballot initiatives)—homosexual radicals sought to do an end-run around the democratic process and have unelected judges overrule the express will of the people. But the opponents of democracy, and common sense, lost and that is how it should be. No one supports two men getting married save for white people who have spent too much time in the classroom.