



*"So the question is not whether we will be extremists, but what kind of extremists we will be. Will we be extremists for the preservation of injustice or for the extension of justice?"* —Martin Luther King Jr.

## What kind of extremist are you?

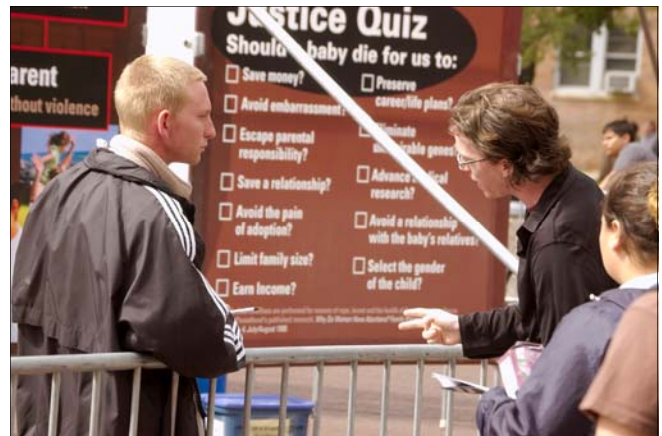
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"Walk the middle path and be moderate; extremism leads to violence and terrorism" , Timothy wrote confidently on the free speech board.

I introduced myself and asked Timothy, "What does it mean to be moderate?"

Tim explained that he was motivated to stay moderate and neutral because of all the people who were violent and pushed their views on others.

I asked Tim, **"Can any of us really be neutral about an issue like abortion?"**



I explained that either well intentioned people like myself are wasting their time trying to save beings that are less than human, or thousands of well-intentioned pro-choice people are upholding an unfair standard and helping further the biggest injustice of our time.

We eventually agreed that being moderate was no different than promoting the status quo. I try to show people like Tim that we are all extremists just as Martin Luther King Jr. explained in his book "Why We Can't Wait." (quote above)

## Dialogue Tip

*If someone reveals that they are hurting, shift from focusing on the dialogue to their personal needs*

I immediately changed my focus from our moral dialogue to caring for Stacy's needs after she exclaimed, "I was raped and had an abortion. Why do you have to be out here reminding me of that horrible experience?" I asked, "Was your rapist punished?" and later carefully inquired, "How are you doing now?"

I told Stacy that I care for hurting women but I also care for the unwanted babies who often become victims of violence as well.

Stacy was not fully satisfied with my answer but she left knowing that I cared about her and that **I was more worried about her pain than winning an argument.**

Remember your common sense. When you see that someone is hurting, focus on caring for their needs and deal with the discussion about morality later. After all, great arguments can only change hearts and minds in the context of great love.

Defending Human Value together,

*Jonathan Wagner*  
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## Please Pray... for the CU Boulder Exhibit Outreach (April 16-19)

- Weather (sunshine and calm wind patterns)
- Lives saved, hearts changed
- 200 trained students to continue making an impact after the outreach is over



### Congratulations Stephen and Rebeccah

My brother Stephen (seated right during a recent open mic session at Texas A & M), who works for Stand To Reason ([www.str.org](http://www.str.org)), has been my greatest mentor and driving force in pro-life work. He is getting married to JFA staff member, Rebeccah Pedrick (seated left) on May 19 in Houston, TX.