

Christianity, Abortion Go Together, Actress From Rapture Series Says

Actress Amy Brenneman thinks the right has committed an injustice. They've paired "pro-life" with the term "Christian."

In a video done for the Lives of Women series, the star of *The Leftovers*, while being filmed in a church, started her PSA by saying, "I absolutely think the term 'Christian' has been stolen in 2017 in America by the 'Christian Right.'"

She then proceeded to say that while she has been extremely open about having an abortion when she was 21, it was time to restate that because of the rise of social media. Brenneman also expressed her anger with the pro-life community. "In the age of Twitter and Facebook, I was trolled pretty viciously."

The actress talked about how her church was "prayerfully pro-choice," and accepted and encouraged women who had had abortions. "I don't feel like I'm in conflict with where I go every Sunday." While she spoke about how her religion viewed women as moral agents, she neglected to speak about the idea that abortion is murder, or that the fetus that she had moral autonomy over was human.

While Brenneman is known for her stance on Planned Parenthood and abortion, and has in the past encouraged women to ensure that unwanted babies are not born, her position is not unique. It mirrors the views of abortionist Willie Parker, who earlier this year released a memoir that told of his ambition to reconcile Christianity to abortion.

Unlike Parker, Brenneman is pretty sure she will not be able to achieve this goal. Why is that? In her video, she claimed

that she was a victim of the hatred of the right. “I’m never gonna win those pro-life people over,” she told the camera. “They hate me, and they say horrible things about me, and I am in acceptance of that.”

The Lives of Women is a project from Indigenous Media, who shares its videos on Facebook. Brenneman is just one of their many subjects. {eo}

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