

Kudos for Dr. Koop

Your Oct. 27 editorial "Flying the Koop," on U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop's stand in favor of public education to prevent the spread of AIDS, grossly misrepresented a serious national epidemic.

Dr. Koop has recognized the urgent need to inform all potential AIDS victims of ways to prevent being infected with the virus that ultimately brings on the disease.

Ignorance is akin to death in this epidemic; and as our surgeon general, Dr. Koop has taken a highly visible and extremely responsible position by urging early exposure to disease prevention information.

As to the dig against his pro-life position, his efforts in the area of respect for human life have been

undiminished, not only for the unborn but also for the elderly who are targeted for euthanasia by many who feel older persons should die and get out of the way.

As conservatives, we should all be proud of the contributions to our nation made by this able public servant. As potential AIDS victims, as well as being parents and loved ones of potential victims, we should be thankful that our surgeon general has taken a visible stand in favor of ways to prevent the spread of this dread disease to all segments of our population.

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