Trust Jefferson and Madison, not Robinson

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Mark Robinson, Republicans' radical nominee for governor, wants to ban abortion without exception for rape or incest: "It makes no difference to me why or how that child ended up in that womb."

Robinson calls abortion "child sacrifice," "genocide" and "murder." He calls women who have abortions, even if only "24 hours pregnant," murderers. "I don't care whether you just got pregnant," Robinson says. "It's murder. You got blood on your hands."

In August 2012, Robinson wrote: "I'm not saying abortion is wrong cause I said so. It's wrong cause God says so. It's wrong when others do it and it was wrong when I paid for it to be done to my unborn child in 1989."

There it is! Robinson's extremism is driven by his extreme guilt. He wants to relieve his guilt at your expense by shoving his personal religious beliefs down your throat. That's why he claims, "There is no separation of church and state. I'm trying to find that phrase somewhere in our Constitution, in our Declaration of Independence, in the writings of any patriot, anywhere, and I cannot because it does not exist." Robinson knows as little about American history as he does about female biology.

Thomas Jefferson, our third president, wrote the Declaration of Independence. Jefferson believed that forcing Americans to obey religions they don't follow violates their natural right to religious liberty. In his letter to the Danbury Baptists, Jefferson wrote that the First Amendment built a "wall of separation between Church & State."

James Madison, our fourth president, wrote the Constitution, Bill of Rights, and First Amendment. Madison explained: "The purpose of separation of church and state is to keep forever from these shores the ceaseless strife that has soaked the soil of Europe with blood for centuries."

It worked. Americans have been spared the horror of religious war. We don't need one now. Robinson should keep his religion to himself.

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