

Good reading on the contraception issue

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My colleague Jamie Manson cites [a piece from "PBS Newshour" \[1\]](#) in her blog post today alerting NCR readers that the ["Bishops' expansion of conscience exemptions is broader than we think" \[2\]](#).

While much of the reporting on this issue has been problematic, here are some other pieces that do a good job of honestly exploring this issue:

- From Mother Jones magazine: ["Most of Obama's 'Controversial' Birth Control Rule Was Law During Bush Years" \[3\]](#)
- From NPR's Morning Edition: ["Rules Requiring Contraceptive Coverage Have Been In Force For Years" \[4\]](#)
- From NCR: Santa Clara University Ethics Director David DeCosse on how the ["Bishops' conscience model makes light of practical reason" \[5\]](#)

But some of the greatest wisdom I've read on the topic is to be found in the [comments from many loyal and long-time NCR readers \[6\]](#) and subscribers who commented on yesterday's editorial about this matter. I urge you to find the time to read them.

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[1] http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/politics/jan-june12/contraception_02-09.html#transcript

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