

## +Chaput Responds to +McElroy

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[This column by Archbishop Charles Chaput](#) [1] does not specifically cite the recent, splendid article by Bishop Robert McElroy, but it can be understood as a response to that article nonetheless.

Needless to say, I think +McElroy has the better of the argument. I agree with +Chaput that our concern to protect the unborn is foundational, but I do not concur that it must necessarily take priority over every other political concern.

In the realm of politics, a variety of issues come into play: Is there a viable political and/or legal strategy to achieve a given objective? What will persuade those who currently disagree or are ambivalent? &c.

Moral clarity does not necessarily yield political clarity: This is the thing that +Chaput does not grasp.

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[1] <http://catholicphilly.com/2013/10/think-tank/weekly-message-from-archbishop-chaput/living-the-gospel-of-life/>