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Dear Sir:

While it is well known that the "Morning after Pill" acts as an abortifacient, in that it prevents the fertilized egg from implanting on the wall of the uterus, this may be only the most obvious reason to keep it from becoming an over-the-counter drug. Other reasons, no less serious would be the promotion of promiscuity with the subsequent spread of STD's. Every time the pharmaceutical industry attempts to remove the fear of pregnancy from an unwed girl or woman, it at once adds to the spread of disease. As one great sex educator said to a young woman, "you can live through a pregnancy, but there are diseases out there that can kill you. Of course there are many other diseases that are chronic, if not deadly. Then there is the adverse effects of ~~the~~ "Plan B" itself on the health of women and the adverse effects on the psyche of a person involved in uncommitted sexual intercourse. Everything possible should be done to inhibit the use of Morning after regimes, not promote them by the over the counter proposal. Please do not approve the over-the counter availability of Morning after Pills

In His Love
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