

LISA MURKOWSKI ADMITS SHE VOTED TO HELP CATHOLIC CHURCH ENFORCE A DOCTRINE SHE IGNORES

As I noted last week, every single Catholic Senator save Susan Collins who voted for the Blunt Amendment last week appears likely to have relied on the birth control their Church prohibits to limit the size of their families. Lisa Murkowski, who has just 2 kids, was among the 10 Catholics who was using her position to help the Catholic Church enforce a doctrine she herself has ignored.

And in an interview claiming she now regrets that vote, Murkowski as much as admits that's what she did. (h/t TPM)

What Lisa Murkowski told me I already suspected. She's a moderate. She supports abortion rights and contraception coverage. She also doesn't line up completely with the Catholic Church when it comes to birth control. She regretted her recent vote.

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I pointed out that her support for birth control conflicts with the Catholic mandate against it.

"You know, I don't adhere to all of the tenets of my faith.

Now, she's still spinning her vote (and her letter opposing Obama's rule on contraception) as one in favor of religious freedom.

She'd meant to make a statement about religious freedom, she said, but voters read it as a vote against contraception

coverage for women.

But it is not “religious freedom” to craft laws to help the Church enforce mandates that almost none of its adherents—and probably few, if any, of the Catholic Senators supporting the law—abide by. It is an improper use of government to aid a religious institution.

Not to mention, rank hypocrisy.