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Abandoned babies

Re "Why do mothers abandon babies?" Daily News, Oct. 5:

Solving the problem of young mothers abandoning their newborns to death or to the paramedics should be a cinch.

Let everyone who resents the use of tax money for sex education and intervention programs repeat this mantra for 10 minutes every day: "Poor, homeless, abused, HIV-positive, mentally ill, drug-addicted women shouldn't have babies."

Slowly but surely the majority of women who would otherwise reject their newborns will either practice abstinence or accept the consequences of pregnancy. No more babies in trash bins. What could be simpler?

On the other hand, if it doesn't work, it will be easier to blame them.

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