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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mrs. Ford's Remarks on '60 Minutes'

The moral people of the United States are surprised that Mrs. Betty Ford wouldn't be surprised if her unmarried daughter had an affair.

Bernard Wichlenski.

Chicago.

How *perfectly* marvelous to have a First Lady who is realistic, honest and courageous. I shall vote for *him* in the next election because he has to be honest—she wouldn't have continued to live with him all these years if he wasn't. I have one question for those who would disapprove if Susan had an "affair." Who would she be hurting?

Another observation—why wasn't Mrs. Ford asked what she would think if her son had an affair? Is it because we think it is excusable for a son but not a daughter? Really now, how ridiculous can we be? Who do we think our sons are having affairs with but some one else's daughters!

Mrs. Ford is to be commended.

Betty C. Horne.

Alexandria.

I liked Mrs. Ford's interview on "60 Minutes" Aug. 10, and I like Mrs. Ford.

What a shame many of our religious organizations, news commentators, etc. can't appreciate her qualities of warmth, generosity and understanding—qualities she obviously (to me) has shown toward her husband, her children and the public. Perhaps it's because she is also honest—with herself and with the rest of us. I always thought those qualities in people made them really worthwhile humans.

It seems to me that a woman who



frees her children to think for themselves, listens to them, tries to understand and then learns something from them is the kind of person to set a good example for all of us.

Mrs. Ford is a woman of our time. I think she belongs in the White House and she should speak out more often.

Polly Haecker.

Farifax.

It would appear, after Ms. Betty Ford's performance on national "Show

and Tell" time, we can discard one more social amenity—that of referring to the wife of the President as our "First Lady."

Imogene Cashmore.

Gay Mills, Wis.

What kind of country are we becoming when the wife of the President of the United States says publicly that if her daughter were committing fornication, she would want to know some details about the young man to determine whether the affair was a worthwhile encounter?

Oh, Pat Nixon, we miss you. We didn't appreciate you. It would never occur to you to go on national TV to offend the sensibilities of millions of Americans who are trying to live a moral life consistent with Judeo-Christian principles.

Helen G. Keats.

Hagerstown.

Mrs. Ford showed a very deep understanding of the realities of life . . . and her abiding love for her family in any raw brushes with reality.

Let's not strain her words. She simply said she'll be standing "round the corner" when and if they need her. What's wrong with that?

Lucy Eerdmans.

Palm Beach, Fla.

Honest? Apparently so. Laudable? No. Mrs. Ford just expresses pragmatic, immoral views that are popular in today's culture.

John A. Allman.

Suitland.