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92) *The author of the CES Letter looked for answers on official church sites but couldn't find any.*

Answer: From my experience, 99.99% of issues which challenge some testimonies are based on *non-doctrinal* issues—issues where opinions can vary and where leaders and lay members are able to share their thoughts. When there are no official doctrines, there are often no official positions. The Church, however, recognizes that people are searching for information on these non-doctrinal issues and is continuing to add responses on the LDS.org website.

93) *FairMormon, a group made up of unofficial LDS apologists [defenders of the faith], do more harm than good and have driven people out of the Church.*

Answer: Anecdotal information is not an accurate measure of truth. Many people have shared stories of how FairMormon has saved their testimonies. Anyone can come up with stories to support their view. The proof is in the pudding—do the arguments presented by FairMormon address and resolve critical issues? I believe they do.

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