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I must admit I'm becoming a bit confused here. While it is true some of this may be attributable to my falling in that mid60's age group I believe I may still have some semblance of a potential for logical thinking.

While I can find it within my capabilities to respect one's decision to refrain from fishing any and all trout waters during weather which may for many be quite uncomfortable for the angler due to high temperatures, I can't bring myself to understand why anyone, especially after having stated that there is no supporting logic (one interpretation would be no justifiable reason) for this decision, would then be able to justify felt frustration or even anger directed at other anglers who choose to do otherwise on streams which carry flows well within tolerable temperature ranges for trout.

I could understand someone holding the position that it's just plain crazy for an angler to fish in 95 degree temperatures (air) but, when you consider fishing for trout in a long stream section with water temps not exceeding 65 degrees, such as Spring Creek from Bellefonte downstream, this is truly illogical as previously stated. This isn't fishing for stressed trout gathered in large numbers at a cold water refuge in a stream that might have normal water temps of over 80 degrees such a Kettle Creek at present. To do this would be extremely unethical.

To say that holding a view which is supported neither by fact nor logic is still very powerful is true only for the one who holds the view. To believe that it is sufficiently powerful to sway the thoughts and actions of others could be construed to be misguided at best. Of course, since I spent a few hours each day Wednesday, Thursday and Friday fishing for trout on a waterway with 55 degree temperatures I would expect some of that frustration and anger to be directed at me as well. After all, I believe fishing is fishing whether I am fishing strictly for my own enjoyment or fishing during a competition. Besides, if I were to be candid, I'm probably competing with myself most times I'm on the water.

We have far too much of this business of "I condemn you solely based on the fact that we disagree." I believe that is what is happening here. I think we need to move on.