

10 Reasons To Deny Planned Parenthood Our Tax Dollars

1. Planned Parenthood (PP) performed 332,278 abortions in 2009, 27.4% of the nation's total. Pro-choice persons can support PP with their charity dollars. Pro-life citizens should not be coerced to support it with their tax dollars.

2. Although the law prohibits PP from using federal tax dollars to directly provide or refer for abortion, **whatever funds go to it for non-abortion services free up its own funds for abortion services.** Moreover, PP has been known to do a poor job keeping various categories of funds separate.

3. PP's Policies Appear to Protect Statutory Rapists and Child Sex Traffickers. In a 2002 telephone survey of 813 PP and National Abortion Federation clinics, Mark Crutcher of Life Dynamics found that 90% were willing to arrange for a caller posing as a minor impregnated by her adult boyfriend to get an abortion without notifying her parents or the authorities. (See ChildPredators.com). Lila Rose's Live Action team videotaped PP staff in nine cities doing likewise. Another Live Action team posing as a pimp and a prostitute videotaped PP staff in clinics in seven cities willing to provide services to their stable of underage girls. Only one PP office reported this situation to the authorities. (Liveaction.org/traffic).

4. Planned Parenthood is the foremost, most well-financed and most effective promoter of abortion-on-demand in the nation. It advances its agenda by two major means.

a. Lobbying and Campaign Contributions. Americans United for Life (AUL) reports that PP has spent over \$4.8 million over the past five years to influence votes in Congress and state legislatures, and to support pro-choice candidates.

b. Attacking Pro-Life Legislation in the Courts. AUL reports "Since 1973, PP has challenged parental involvement laws in 21 states, laws to ensure taxpayers are not forced to fund abortions in 20 states, laws to ensure women are given adequate and accurate information when considering abortion in 10 states, as well as other protective laws."

5. Planned Parenthood Misleads the Public and Its Clients.

a. In seeking to protect its tax funding, PP gives the impression that it is the only organization providing family planning/health services to women, particularly poor women. It ignores the fact that there are some 7,000 other federally qualified health centers which do the same, but do not do abortions. By manipulating data, PP claims that abortion comprises only 3% of its services, while more accurate reporting indicates the figure is closer to 12%, with abortion providing over one-third of its clinic income.

b. Although it claims to provide "comprehensive, medically accurate information," PP also misrepresents facts when it comes to its clients. For example:

1) Downloading the page, "Abortion Myths: Fact vs. Fiction," on its teenwire.com website on March 20, 2009, we see PP telling teens that abortion does not cause premature birth or low infant-birth weight, make ectopic pregnancy more likely, or cause breast cancer. All of these connections have been well-established in the medical literature for over 30 years.

2) Live Action videotaped PP clinics in three communities giving erroneous information to clients about fetal development. A young woman posing as being 6-8 weeks pregnant was told the fetus at that point had "no legs, no arms, no head, no brain, no heart." As any medical textbook will show, the fetus has all of these at 6-8 weeks.

6. Several PP Clinics Have Been Found or Accused of Providing Substandard Care.

Allegations and charges of substandard care, botched abortions, unqualified and unlicensed staff, unhealthy medical standards and procedures, and falsifying records have been brought against clinics in at least 11 communities. Concern about financial profit rather than patient welfare appears to be a motivating factor in some of these cases. The same appears to be true of PP's development of "telemed abortions" where patients are not actually examined by a physician, but communicate with him/her over closed circuit TV, and then are given the abortifacient, RU 486.

7. Several PP Affiliates Have Been Shown to Be Poor Stewards of Tax Revenues.

The Americans United for Life call for a Congressional investigation of PP notes, "Audits of PP affiliates in California, New Jersey, New York, and Washington State demonstrate a pattern of abuse involving [Medicaid] funds." Affiliates in Florida, Michigan and Texas have also been involved in financial improprieties. =

8. Planned Parenthood's "Comprehensive" Sex Education Programs Create a Need for Its Services and Exacerbate the Problems They Claim to Solve.

If one visits PP's website or reads its literature meant for teens, the basic message appears to be "anything goes, as long as there is mutual consent and you are protected." Its basic mission – to promote the distribution of contraceptives to prevent unwanted pregnancies and abortion – has failed. According to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, one half of all births in the U.S. are "unwanted," 46% of women who have abortions had used a contraceptive during the month they became pregnant, and we still have over 1.2 million abortions per year.

In 1940, prior to the advent of the pill and other modern contraceptives, with no sex education in the schools, when the accepted cultural norm was "wait until marriage" only **3.8%** of births occurred out-of-wedlock. In 2008, with modern contraceptives and comprehensive sex education in the schools, when PP's norm of "premarital sex is OK, but be protected," is promoted, **40.6%** of births are out-of-wedlock. Abortions (legal and illegal combined) have increased 10 to 12 fold since 1967, and some sexually transmitted diseases are on the rise.

9. Public Opinion Opposes Using Tax Money to Fund Abortion.

A consistent finding of over 60 polls conducted since 1977 is that a majority of Americans do not want their tax dollars to pay for abortion. In April, 2011 a national poll found that 54% of Americans said they "oppose tax dollars for family planning services going to organizations that perform abortions." Opposition was voiced by a majority of men, women, Republicans, Independents, Whites, Blacks and young (18-34) Americans.

10. The Planned Parenthood Federation of America is Quite Wealthy.

According to its latest (2008-2009) financial report, PPFA had **net** assets of \$994.7 million. Given all of the foregoing, PP neither needs nor deserves our tax dollars. (For more details and documentation on this story, see our website).

Does your favorite restaurant, bank, store or other organization support Planned Parenthood? Visit Life Decisions International at www.fightpp.org and find out.