

## YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK

PLANNED PARENTHOOD IS THE NATION'S LARGEST ABORTION PROVIDER. THE RECORD SHOWS THAT GENERALLY, THE MORE TAX MONEY IT RECEIVES, THE MORE ABORTIONS IT PERFORMS.

Year	Tax \$ Received (Millions)	No. of Abortions at PP Clinics	Total U.S. Abortions	PP's Share (Percent)
2004-5	\$265.2	255,015	1,222,100	20.9
2005-6	\$272.7	264,943	1,206,200	22.0
2006-7	\$305.3	289,750	1,242,200	23.3
2007-8	\$336.7	305,310	1,209,600	25.2
2008-9	\$349.6	324,008	1,212,400	26.7
2009-10	\$363.2	332,278	1,151,600	28.8
2010-11	\$487.4	329,445	1,102,700	29.9
2011-12	\$542.4	333,964	1,058,500	31.6
2012-13	\$540.6	327,166	998,860	32.8
2013-14	\$528.4	327,653	949,200	34.5
2014-15	\$553.7	323,999	926,200	35.0
2015-16	\$554.6	328,348	not yet available	
2016-17	\$543.7	321,384	not yet available	
2017-18	\$563.8	332,757	not yet available	

Source: PP data from PP Annual Reports. Total U.S. Abortions from The Guttmacher Institute with 2015-16 total From a National Right to Life projection based on Guttmacher data.

According to its 2017-2018 annual report, Planned Parenthood had total **net assets** of more than **\$1.88 billion** and \$244.8 million in excess revenue (profit) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. It does not need our tax dollars. Its last twelve annual reports from 2006-2007 through 2017-2018 indicate that **its annual profit** (excess of revenue over expenses) averages **\$91.45 million per year!**

As the above table shows, in general, the more tax money Planned Parenthood receives, the more abortions it performs. A statistical analysis of this relationship indicates a rather strong positive relationship between tax money received and abortions performed ( $r = .65$ ,  $R^2 = .42$ ). The  $r$  value indicates that as tax money increases, abortions increase, and as tax money decreases, abortions decrease. The  $R^2$  value indicates that tax money fluctuation accounts for 42% of the fluctuation in abortion numbers.

The argument that pro-life citizens and others should not worry, because federal law prohibits the use of tax funds for abortion, is a distinction without a difference. Money is fungible. That is, for every tax dollar it receives, PP is free to devote an unrestricted dollar to abortion "services," or to support pro-choice candidates and legislation, while attacking pro-life candidates, legislation and individuals in the courts. Its latest report indicated it devoted \$45 million to "public policy" that year.

Moreover, a September 2015 report to Congress documented abuses, potential fraudulent activity and illegal use of taxpayer money by Planned Parenthood. Based on multiple federal and state audits, it revealed that nearly 25% of Planned Parenthood businesses were implicated in financial fraud or mismanagement, wasting at least \$12.8 million in taxpayer funds.

### **Rebranding and Doing Less with More**

In recent months, Planned Parenthood has eschewed the pro-choice and family planning labels and marketed itself as a woman's health care provider. However, its annual reports and activity show it to be concentrating on expanding its abortion business and cutting back on other services. In January 2011, Lisa David, senior vice president of Health Services Support for Planned Parenthood, confirmed that each of its 85 regions or affiliates would be expected to operate an abortion center by 2013.

Thus, comparing its 2006-07 report to its 2017-18 report, we find that while its tax revenue increased by 67% and abortions by 15%, reversible contraceptives given to women decreased by 23%, PAP tests dropped by 74%, breast care by 66%, and colposcopy and LEEP procedures combined by 64%. Prenatal services to women dropped 78% from 2009 (earliest comparable data available) to 2017-18. A recent phone survey by Live Action calling 97 Planned Parenthood facilities located in all of its 41 regional areas where undercover recording is legal, found that 92 of 97 clinics (94.8%) told women seeking prenatal care they did not offer it.

In spite of PP's public relations campaigns, which have fooled the public for years, it has become very clear that Planned Parenthood's main clinical income generator and main goal is the performance of abortions. Recent testimony by former Planned Parenthood employees has revealed that it sets abortion quotas for its clinics and abortion referral quotas for those that don't perform abortions. In January 2019, in response to a headline in BuzzFeed, Leana Wen, Planned Parenthood's new president, tweeted "First, our core mission is providing, protecting and expanding access to abortion and reproductive healthcare."

Planned Parenthood and other "pro-choice" groups typically include abortion under the rubric "reproductive health care." But abortion is really anti-reproductive health endangerment. The individual reproduced is killed, and his/her mother is exposed to an increased incidence of physical, psychological and spiritual harm. The short and long-term hazards of abortion for the woman and her future children (both wanted and unwanted) have been documented in the medical literature for over 40 years.

### **Other Objectionable Practices**

Supposedly concerned about women's health, Planned Parenthood's policies apparently condone statutory rape, sex trafficking, the sale of fetal body parts, the illegal modification of abortion procedures to obtain intact fetal parts, and even the ultimate discrimination against females, sex selection abortion (performed when the child is not of the preferred sex), the majority of whose victims are females.

It is evident that Planned Parenthood neither needs nor deserves our tax dollars. Persons and groups who agree with its policies and activities are free to fund it with their charity dollars and did contribute \$630.8 million in 2017-18. Pro-life citizens and those who disagree with Planned Parenthood should not be forced to support it with their tax dollars.

### **Will Women Be Denied Health Care if Planned Parenthood is Defunded?**

Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) outnumber PP clinics by 20 to 1. By law, they are required to give more comprehensive health care than PP does. FQHC facilities must provide primary, preventive, and emergency health services, including family planning, dental, and behavioral health services. Moreover, they serve clients of all ages, while PP focuses on those of reproductive age. Transferring tax funds to FQHCs will do women a favor.

For more details and documentation, go to [www.RightToLifeofNortheastOhio.com](http://www.RightToLifeofNortheastOhio.com) and click on **Issues, Abortion**, and then on "**Eleven Reasons Why Tax Money Should Not Go to Planned Parenthood.**" See also "**Legal Abortion Harms Women**" at the Right to Life website. See also online: **Alliance Defending Freedom, "Profit. No Matter What"** and **Center for Medical Progress: Investigative Footage** (sale of fetal body parts), and **Live Action: Home** (videos of many of Planned Parenthood's activities behind the scenes).

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