

Why do we OPPOSE Planned Parenthood?

Planned Parenthood Harms Women

In 2003, the California Department of Health Services cited a Los Angeles Planned Parenthood facility for numerous deficiencies following the death of Diana Lopez. She **bled to death** in 2002 after her cervix was allegedly punctured during an abortion.¹ In 2001, PP agreed to pay a New York woman \$1 million because it had repeatedly insisted she did not have **breast cancer** when she did.² That same year, a San Francisco court decision awarded \$672,610 in damages to a Yugoslav immigrant whose preborn child suffered the **loss of two limbs** during a botched abortion at PP.³ In 2000, a Missouri woman went into a **coma** after she allegedly went without oxygen for a period of time during tubal ligation surgery at PP.⁴ Afterward she entered a persistent vegetative state.⁵ Such tragedies show that **PP is a dangerous place**, not only for babies, but also for grown women.

Planned Parenthood Is Anti-Christian

In its never-ending effort to promote the gospel of “choice,” Planned Parenthood **mocked** the **Christian** faith during the 2002 Christmas season by issuing a holiday card with the message, “Choice on Earth.” Since “choice” is a PP euphemism for abortion, the PP card was essentially promoting abortion while simultaneously **exploiting** the **Christmas** season to sell merchandise. These cards enraged Christians across America.

Instead of apologizing for this **affront to Christians**, PP announced that it would expand the campaign to include “Choice on Earth” t-shirts and publicly blamed STOPP for criticizing the cards.⁶ Then, PP publicly released two letters it sent to Fox News’ Bill O’Reilly. In one letter PP spoke of the “sacredness of choice,”⁷ and in another letter PP claimed that **Jesus** was for “choice on earth” and that the **Bible** indicates “that Jesus was not against women having a choice in continuing a pregnancy.”⁸

Implying that Jesus Christ is in favor of the **killing** of **innocent children** is horrendous. Congressman Bob Beauprez (R-Colo.), expressed his disgust at the “Choice on Earth” campaign: “It blasphemes the Christ Child—the very essence of what Christians hold as life eternal,” he said. “Christ is the source of peace on earth, and their definition of ‘choice’ is anything but peace.”⁹

Planned Parenthood Spreads the Doctrines of Secular Humanism

Planned Parenthood is dedicated to spreading the doctrine of secular humanism, a non-theistic philosophy proposed as an alternative to traditional religion. When *Humanist Manifesto II* was released in 1973, Alan Guttmacher, then PP president, signed it.

Secular humanism rejects the supernatural, thus it **rejects God**. It admits to no objective moral code. PP’s adherence to this philosophy explains why it seeks not to educate our children in moral values, but to indoctrinate them into the philosophy that “right” and “wrong” can be decided solely by the individual.

In addition to Guttmacher’s signing of the 1973 document, other close connections exist between secular humanism and PP. For example, **PP’s founder**, Margaret Sanger, was given the 1957 **Humanist of the Year Award** by the American Humanist Association. In 1986 the award went to Faye Wattleton, who at the time was PP’s president. When Wattleton accepted her award she said,

“Another reason I am so honored today is because your movement and mine have a great deal in common. There are a number of similarities in our goals... As a result, there are similarities in those who oppose us.”¹⁰

Wattleton concluded her acceptance speech by reminding the secular humanists of what Margaret Sanger said in 1957 when she accepted her award. Sanger said that **reproductive rights** “should be the humanist spearhead.”¹¹ The secular humanists are still following her advice. Their *Manifesto 2000* **promotes** abortion, contraception, homosexuality, artificial insemination and population control.

Planned Parenthood’s Sex Education Is Perverted

Planned Parenthood promotes a type of sex-education for children that denies the very truth and meaning of human sexuality. Such perverted education **breaks down natural inhibitions**. As a result, there is an increased demand for artificial birth control and abortion. A long-term effect of such education is that it tends to create citizens who will support PP’s agenda.

STOPP has created *Parent Power*, a book that explains how parents can gain control of the school systems that educate their children in order to **eliminate PP sex education** programs. *Parent Power* is posted at www.all.org/stopp/pp15.htm. Printed copies can be ordered by calling American Life League at **1-866-538-5483**.

A few years ago, PP began a new assault against children and parental authority—its **disgusting website** for kids. Now, parents need to be vigilant about PP reaching their kids in the sanctuary of their own homes.

Planned Parenthood Is the Nation's Largest Abortion Provider

Planned Parenthood is a leading worldwide promoter of abortion. In the U.S. alone, PP reported doing **3,019,559 abortions** from 1977 through 2001. The number of innocent babies PP kills yearly continues to climb. PP reported performing 213,026 abortion procedures in 2001, an 8.1% increase over the previous year.¹²

PP performed about 16% of the estimated **1.3 million U.S. abortion procedures** in 2001. PP runs about **160 abortion facilities** nation-wide. STOPP International estimates that PP had a total 2001 abortion income of \$79,884,750. STOPP has made a similar estimate for each year since 1977, and the total as of mid-2003 is over **\$1 billion**.

Planned Parenthood Promotes Contraception

Most of the so-called contraceptive methods provided by Planned Parenthood—such as oral contraceptives, emergency contraception (also called “the morning after pill”), contraceptive injectables, contraceptive implants, and IUDs—sometimes prevent the implantation in the mother’s womb of a human embryo about 5 to 7 days old. This results in the deaths of an untold number of tiny human beings.

The sexual drive in human beings was created by God to fulfill two interrelated purposes—to bring a close union between a **married man and woman** engaging in intimate sexual behavior (the “unitive” purpose of sex), and to provide a means to propagate the race (the “procreative” purpose of sex). To be **true to the natural law** that guides all human action, any act of sexual intercourse must occur within marriage and be open to both the unitive and procreative purposes. Thus, it is **immoral** for **Planned Parenthood** to facili-

tate sexual intercourse outside of marriage. Likewise, it is immoral for PP to promote and distribute products, such as those listed above, as well as condoms, which artificially attempt to render procreation impossible, even to those who are married.

How to STOP Planned Parenthood

STOPP International has been fighting Planned Parenthood since 1985. In 1998, we became a project of American Life League, and our ability to counter PP’s activities increased tremendously. Our **plan for defeating PP** is available at www.all.org/stopp/plan.htm. It relies upon people opposing PP in their own communities and is based on **actual experience** in fighting—and defeating—PP programs, facilities and government funding via **peaceful, prayerful, and legal** means. There have been some amazing victories, but we have a long way to go. With the help of STOPP’s plan, and constant prayer, you should be able to **shut down Planned Parenthood** in your community.

To keep informed about PP via the *Wednesday STOPP Report* e-mail newsletter, send an e-mail message to stoppreport-request@lists.all.org with “subscribe” in the subject and/or body.

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