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FIVE SERIOUS PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES (AND AL SHARPTON) KISS UP TO ABORTION LOBBY

Every announced candidate for the 2004 Democratic presidential nomination received a hug from Kate Michelman, president of NARAL Pro-Choice America (formerly known only as NARAL [National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League]) during a Washington, D.C., fund-raising affair that took place on the anniversary of the infamous *Roe v. Wade* decision. The event launched a multimillion-dollar campaign to "educate, inspire and mobilize" pro-abortion Americans.

"We will never go back," said Senator John F. Kerry of Massachusetts. "We will never, ever let this right be taken away." Kerry said that if he is nominated one of the first things he will say during the debate with President George W. Bush is, "There's a defining issue between us. I trust women to make their own decisions. You don't. And that's the difference." Kerry said that if women lose the "right to choose," more than 50 percent of Americans "will not be free." He referred to those who oppose abortion as the "forces of intolerance." Senator Edward M. Kennedy has endorsed his Massachusetts colleague.

Congressman Richard A. Gephardt of Missouri said, "There is nothing moral about a presidency that imposes personal morality through acts of governmental power." Gephardt had a pro-life voting record as a member of Congress until he began craving a move to the White House more than a decade ago. Gephardt attempted to excuse his previous position by blaming his religion. Gephardt said that his pro-life beliefs had been rooted in his Baptist upbringing that taught him abortion was wrong. But he said years of discussions with colleagues and women convinced him that "the sanctity of a woman's right to control her own destiny

is a moral force of its own." Gephardt claims to have had abandoned his once-fervent opposition to abortion because of "wisdom gained over time." Others suggest that it was actually a realization that he could never get the Democratic nomination for president with a pro-life position. After all, presidential ambition was followed shortly thereafter by "enlightenment" on abortion. "The timing was certainly not coincidental," said Douglas R. Scott, president of Life Decisions International. Gephardt is the only Democrat running for president who supports a ban on partial-birth abortion.

Senator John Edwards of North Carolina said that a "chill wind blows...from the White House, it blows from the House [of Representatives], it blows from the Senate. They think that politicians and judges, in their wisdom, are in a place to make this decision that can so profoundly affect a woman's life. They are wrong, they are wrong, they are wrong and we must stop them and we will stop them." Edwards must not be aware of the fact that it was seven *male* judges who created abortion on demand in the first place. "The right to choose is an essential ingredient in the full equality of women," Edwards said as he promised to fight for a law to guarantee legal abortion nationwide in case the Supreme Court overturns *Roe v. Wade*.

"The courts are powerful and do things you don't expect—just ask," joked Senator Joseph I. Lieberman of Connecticut as he pledged to apply a pro-abortion litmus test to court nominees at all levels. While declaring a commitment to legalized abortion, he echoed language from former President Bill Clinton in declaring that abortion should be "legal," "safe" and "rare." (The Clinton Administration was only good at the "legal" part.) Lieberman declared that

neither the pro-abortion nor the pro-life side has “a monopoly on values,” a remark that was not appreciated by the rabidly pro-abortion crowd. A Jew who talks often of “personal values,” Lieberman framed the fight for legal abortion as an American tradition. He proclaimed himself “pro-values, pro-faith, pro-family and pro-choice.” That is like declaring yourself “pro-war and pro-peace” or “pro-al-Qaeda and pro-Israel.” Lieberman said that, “The right to choose is in grave danger from this president. This administration has been undermining abortion rights from the day it took office.” LDI’s Scott agreed with Lieberman on one point: “The courts are powerful and do things you don’t expect indeed—just ask. Back in 1973, no one ever expected we’d get the decision we did in *Roe v. Wade*.”

Al Sharpton spoke at the event, which raised more than \$500,000. “Sharpton has no credibility and his candidacy is a joke,” Scott said. “Sharpton represents no one, with the possible exception of Twana Brawley. He simply likes to hear himself talk and see his face on television.” Sharpton said that a protester confronted him as he entered the venue and told him that a real Christian could not favor abortion. Sharpton claims to have responded, “Young lady, it is time for the Christian right to meet the right Christians.” The son of a single mother, Sharpton said, “I trust my mama’s decision more than I trust anyone who sits in the White House tonight.” Scott said Sharpton is a bigot when it comes to religions and races other than his own.

“This administration is anti-civil rights and anti-women, anti-African American and anti-Latino,” said former Vermont Governor Howard Dean as he joined in the verbal assault on President Bush. “The President’s all-out attack on these rights is not only politically repugnant, but medically unsound.” The physician and former Planned Parenthood board member continued: “We don’t want the government telling us how to practice medicine.” Dean received international notoriety when as governor of Vermont he signed a bill recognizing homosexual unions. “I’m running because I don’t like extremism, and I think extremism is taking over this country.” Dean challenged proponents of legislation that would outlaw partial birth abortion. He said there had been no such procedure done in Vermont in recent years. “This is an issue that’s about nothing; it’s an issue about extremism.” If the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act is really about “nothing” and it will not cost those who worship abortion anything at all, why does Dean have such qualm about supporting the legislation?

To the surprise of many, Dean and Sharpton generated the most enthusiastic responses from the pro-abortion throng. This is simply a matter of clever rhetoric and style that appeals to the radical crowd. It is a perfect case of the speaker saying what the zealots wanted to hear. The politicians were basically cheerleaders for the 1,200 attendees.

“It seemed as though all of the men were trying to outdo each other,” Scott said. “They were just short of screaming, ‘I favor more dead babies than my opponents!’”

“If *Roe* is overturned, women will return to—and die in—the back alleys of this nation,” warned Kate Michelman, president of the pro-abortion group. Michelman said she expects pro-abortion members of the Senate to filibuster any Supreme Court nominee who does not “affirm that the Constitution protects a woman’s right to choose.”

Michelman said that the right to kill an unborn baby “is more imperiled than in any time since 1973 because, for the very first time, we have every institution of national government controlled by those who want to take the right to choose away.” Just like Planned Parenthood’s hierarchy, a constant “the sky is falling” message is necessary to keep the money flowing. After all, how much money would NARAL raise if its leaders were to report that *Roe v. Wade* is secure?

Just how important was the NARAL event to the candidates? “This is the kickoff of the 2004 campaign,” said Democratic National Committee Chairman Terry McAuliffe. “The major issue is the ultra-right-wing justices that George Bush is nominating to the federal bench. They’re out of step with mainstream America.”

The NARAL event was primarily attended by elitist rich people, a number of whom reside in Hollywood. Any candidate who shows even the most minute reluctance to the horrific deaths of children in the womb will not get the support of the NARAL crowd. Talk about being out of step with the American people!

Michelman explained why her group’s name was changed once again. “Our name was a policy statement, frankly. Now it’s a value statement.” The small but vocal and wealthy group has expanded its mandate to include pushing birth control and sexuality indoctrination programs.

NOT EVEN THE "I WAS DRUNK" EXCUSE

Actor Ed Harris (“The Right Stuff,” “The Truman Show,” “Apollo 13,” “A Beautiful Mind,” “Enemy At The Gates,” etc.) was one of several celebrities to speak at the NARAL Pro-Choice America gala:

I’m Ed Harris and I’m Pro-Choice American [sic]. For me pro-choice doesn’t mean pro-abortion. I am not a woman. I have no idea what it would be like to have to choose between bearing a child and terminating an unwanted pregnancy. And I don’t pretend that I ever would have any idea what that would be like. But I think that that decision, that most difficult decision is a woman’s right—to make that—she has the right to make that decision. That’s been said over and over again tonight and I just agree with that so strongly. I would defend that right with every fiber in my body. And that’s why I’m here...I’m here because my wife Amy is a fervent fighter for women’s rights. She has educated me over the 20 years we have been together to the point where she’s got me in her hip-pocket, and I’m happy to be there and always will be and God bless you all and let’s keep the fight up.

Harris decided that he could not leave the stage without attacking the manhood of President George W. Bush. After concluding his extemporaneous remarks, Harris decided to adlib:

I gotta say one last thing...I haven’t even been drinking—at all. But you know, being a man, I’ve gotta say that we’ve got this guy in the White House who thinks he is a man. You know, who projects himself as a man because he has a certain masculinity and he’s a good ole’ boy and he used to drink and he knows how to shoot a gun and how to drive a pickup truck etcetera like that. That’s not the definition of a man, [use of God’s name in vain deleted]!

While Harris told the crowd what a “man” is *not*, he failed to mention what a “man” *is*, but we get a glimpse of the kind of person Harris would call a “man” when he said that his wife has him in her hip-pocket and that he is happy to be there and always will be happy to be there. Are we to understand that a “man” is one who is in the “hip-pocket” of his wife?”

“Maybe a ‘man’ is one who exhibits sophomoric behavior by questioning another guy’s manhood?” Scott asked. “Maybe a ‘man’ is one who thinks it is all right to kill children, to encourage others to kill children, and even to kill children with his own hands? Is this truly the definition of a ‘man’? This sounds more like the definitions associated with elitist cowards and rich bullies.” It is time for Harris to go

back to acting and leave politics to real men and women—those who defend the defenseless, speak for the voiceless and reject the death of children as a “solution” to adult-created social problems.

Among the other speakers at the event were Tipper Gore and her daughter Karenna, former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and her daughter Katie, actor Ossie Davis, and actress Kathleen Turner. Former Senator Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, who is 85 years old, urged the crowd to raise more money, make calls—do whatever it takes to keep abortion legal. “I certainly don’t want to be back here making the same damn speech when I’m 95,” he said. Many others sent videotaped remarks, including Senator Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y.

The NARAL event marked the most recent gathering of celebrities who believe people care what they think about politics or morality, but it was certainly not the first and it will not be the last. At this year’s Golden Globe Awards, actor Martin Sheen (NBC’s “The West Wing”) praised Jesse Jackson: “You’re still our hero and we need you now more than ever.” (Sheen is reported to be anti-abortion, but we have our doubts.) Actor George Clooney (most recently of the motion picture “Oh Brother Where Art Thou?” and formerly of NBC’s “ER”) took a swipe at the Attorney General of the United States. Clooney joked about how the Coen brothers, who produced his new movie, are not really brothers. “That’s all a lie and I, while we’re confessing, I am actually the illegitimate love child of John Ashcroft. I want that out there. I don’t want that to effect any kind of voting that’s coming up, but that’s it.” Maybe Clooney is confusing John Ashcroft with Jesse Jackson?

MAJORITY OPPOSE MOST ABORTIONS

According to an ABC News/*Washington Post* poll conducted just before the thirtieth anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, a strong majority of Americans (57 percent) would ban the bulk of abortions. And opposition soars to about seven in ten or more for partial-birth abortions and any other abortions committed in the sixth month of pregnancy or later.

Eight in ten Americans say abortion should be legal to save the woman’s life, to preserve her “health” (the definition of which was left to each individual survey respondent), or when the pregnancy is the result of a sex crime. A much smaller majority, 54 percent, supports the eugenic use of abortion (if it is predicted that the baby will be born impaired in some way—and to any degree).

Survey Results At-A-Glance

ABC News/Washington Post

Under What Circumstances Should Abortion Be Legal?

<u>Circumstance</u>	<u>Legal</u>	<u>Illegal</u>
to save a woman's life	88	10
to save a woman's "health"	82	14
baby was conceived as a result of a sex crime	81	17
it is predicted that the child will be disabled	54	40
unplanned pregnancy	42	57
partial-birth abortion	23	69
pregnancy is at least six months gestation	11	86

A 1988 study by the Alan Guttmacher Institute (an affiliate of Planned Parenthood Federation of America Inc.) found that few abortions are committed for health reasons or because the pregnancy was caused by rape or incest. Most women cited financial concerns or problems with their relationships, or said they were not "ready" to have a child.

Nearly 28,000 late-term abortions, which generate the greatest opposition, are reported each year, according to a 1999 report by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This figure is surely low because in most jurisdictions abortionists are not required to report such information and it is clearly in their best interest to keep secret the number of late-term abortions they commit.

The poll shows that younger Americans and those who profess no religion are more likely to support abortion. Surprisingly, those who identify themselves as "Catholic" are somewhat more supportive than Protestants. Opposition is strongest among evangelical white Protestants. The poll results would have been vastly different had only those Catholics and Protestants who attend church been surveyed. Those who are truly serious about their faith are much more likely to be opposed to abortion.

Survey Results At-A-Glance

ABC News/Washington Post

Under What Circumstances Should Abortion Be Legal?

<u>Circumstance</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
to save a woman's life	88	88
to save a woman's "health"	82	83
baby was conceived as a result of a sex crime	80	81
it is predicted that the child will be disabled	53	55
unplanned pregnancy	43	40
partial-birth abortion	28	19
pregnancy is at least six months gestation	15	8

Ideology and political partisanship were important factors. Sixty-three percent of Democrats and 69 percent of liberals support legal abortion while 55 percent of Republicans and 58 percent of

conservatives oppose it. Independents and moderates are slightly more apt to support abortion. But interestingly, a majority of Americans among all demographic groups, including 60 percent of Democrats and 63 percent of liberals, oppose partial-birth abortion.

ROE ANNIVERSARY ADS UNVEILED

NARAL Pro-Choice America and "Catholics" for a Free Choice (CFC) joined forces to purchase space for advertisements commemorating the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. The ads were placed in specially selected high profile bus shelters in Washington, D.C. They will remain in place for at least one month.

America's Women Celebrate 30 Years of Constitutional Freedom...

The right to Choose when and whether to have a child.
The right to live without fear of arrest, the loss of life or health in an illegal abortion.
The right to be respected for making thoughtful responsible decisions Women's Rights are Human Rights.

"This is the largest mobilization in our history," said NARAL Pro-Choice America President Kate Michelman. "We are pleased to join with 'Catholics' for a Free Choice to educate, mobilize and rally the nation's pro-choice majority to protect a woman's right to choose. As pro-choice Americans we must understand that freedom of choice will not survive unless we act to protect it. As people travel through our nation's Capitol they will be reminded that the majority is pro-choice."

According to the recent ABC News/Washington Post poll, most people are not "pro-choice." Michelman may continue to kid herself and mislead the public if she wants to do so as that is nothing new, but it does not change the fact that NARAL is losing the battle with the public. To NARAL and CFC, "pro-choice" means abortion for any reason at any time during pregnancy. It is plain that these groups are on the fringe of society as a whole. The general public is inherently uncomfortable with abortion and they know it is the outright killing of another human being.

"We want to remind the marchers that theirs are not the only voices on this issue," said CFC President Frances Kissling, referring to those who would participate in the March for Life. "We want these ads to serve as a visual reminder that we will not be silent." Radical pro-abortion groups are never silent. It is just that these groups speak for so few people that no one should be listening.

UPDATE: CORPORATE FUNDING PROJECT

Our efforts to convince Care Net to end its extensive business relationship with the **American Express Company** failed. Our request that Priests for Life and Operation Rescue West end their respective relationships with American Express failed to garner a positive response. This was true despite that fact that Care Net and Priests for Life had endorsed the Corporate Funding Project. While the actions of Care Net, Priests for Life and Operation Rescue West may have slowed or delayed our progress, it did not end it. We are pleased to report that the American Express Company is no longer a boycott target. In addition, the **Walt Disney Company** is no longer a boycott target.

To date, 87 corporations have ceased support of Planned Parenthood. Congratulations to those individuals, organizations, and business leaders who made these two key victories possible! Most of all, congratulations go to the people who have supported the work of LDI!

Ukrop's Super Markets Inc., has been added to *The Boycott List*. The company, which operates in Virginia, includes First Market Bank, Dress Express, and Joe's Market. Write to Mr. Robert S. Ukrop, President & Chief Executive Officer, Ukrop's Super Markets Inc., 600 Southlake Blvd., Richmond, VA 23236. The phone number is (804) 379-2233 or 800-868-2270. The website address is: www.ukrops.com.

The first *Boycott List* published this year will include corporate supporters of NARAL Pro-Choice America and the Canadian Abortion Rights Action League.

THE PAMPERED CHEF

Some people are just natural born troublemakers. Take for instance Cindy from Arizona and Cathy from Minnesota. Both have worked with The Pampered Chef for many years. Both are also strongly pro-life. They were devastated to learn that **Berkshire Hathaway**, which is controlled by pro-abortion Warren Buffett, bought The Pampered Chef, immediately making it a boycott target.

The following text has appeared on the first page of LDI's website for a couple of months now:

CALLING ALL PERSONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PAMPERED CHEF

The Pampered Chef has enjoyed a long history of satisfied customers and associates alike. But since the acquisition of The Pampered Chef by Berkshire Hathaway, all of the cooperative and good feelings are

beginning to change. Berkshire Hathaway supports Planned Parenthood on the corporate level. And the company's CEO, Warren Buffett, has personally donated millions of dollars to the pro-abortion industry. Buffett even used his personal wealth to help get the abortion pill RU-486 into the United States. The acquisition has led to some Pampered Chef associates (those who sell the company's products) to leave the company they once held so dear. Countless others are participating in a slowdown. If you sell or are otherwise associated with The Pampered Chef in any capacity, please send an email to Cindy (from Arizona) at chezcindy@bsafemail.com. She is spearheading a task force to convince Berkshire Hathaway to end all business donations to Planned Parenthood. Cathy (from Minnesota) is also a task force leader. Okay, ladies, we are going to give you a few months to change the world. Now go to it! (Note: LDI has promised to supply all resources the taskforce may need to the extent our budget allows.)

By taking on the mighty Buffett, Cindy and Cathy have been thrust into the middle of one of the most controversial issues of our time. They have enraged some and merely angered others. Consider the following e-mail written by Adriane Bradley, an Independent Advanced Director for The Pampered Chef:

Three cheers to Warren Buffet!!! I work for The Pampered Chef and am very proud of it. Good luck to our cohorts who left—glad that they did!! No loss there!

I am glad he is more open minded [sic]. Do you plan to investigate *all* CEO's on *every* company to find out how they *privately* contribute??? Will they before they work somewhere else? How do you find out how someone does something that is supposed to be *private*?? I have not been too involved in this battle but will now fight to support Buffet. I know you have all the money. The Christian right wing always has lots of money to force its will on everyone else. How about taking all of your money and adopting some children? In St. Louis we have a real need to children of all ages who are in need of homes. Are you helping out? I think every person fighting on the abortion front should take one child (or more) into their homes. That would be a true Christian thing for all of you to do. You want to save a life, start saving the kids that are already here that are in so much need. Wake up.

Linda Rodriguez, a Pampered Chef Consultant in St. Charles, Missouri, wrote to say that she, "completely" agrees with Bradley.

And so the e-mails and phone calls fly fast and furious, but not always logical and kind. Yes, some people are just natural born troublemakers. Some people are just natural born leaders. Some people are just naturally brave. And we are very happy about it! Go get 'em, Cindy and Cathy!

BUSY, SHY, OR JUST PLAIN "CHICKEN"?

Bradley Markham is a senior at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Throughout his college years, Markham felt as though he were the only pro-life person at the very liberal institution. Finally having heard enough of the unchallenged pro-abortion rhetoric, Markham decided that the best way to contrast the pro-life position with that of the pro-abortion activists would be to hold a public debate. He asked LDI President Douglas R. Scott to represent the pro-life position. Markham then went to work to find someone to represent the pro-abortion side.

Markham contacted every Planned Parenthood in eastern Iowa, including those in Cedar Rapids, Iowa City and Des Moines. He contacted the Emma Goldman abortion facility. He called a Coe graduate who was also a former employee of Planned Parenthood. Markham asked the college political science club to find someone to defend the pro-abortion side. He also asked the college Democrats to help. "No one stepped up to the challenge," Markham said.

When it became clear that Scott would be making a presentation rather than engaging someone in a debate, Markham sent an e-mail to everyone at his college stating that the pro-abortion side had "chickened out." One gentleman fired an e-mail back to Markham:

I find ur [sic] email offensive...being pro-choice does not mean being pro-abortion...keep your bloody comments to urself [sic]...no one chickened out cos [sic] no on [sic] is really scared of a few bible mongering fools like you and doug scott [sic]!

In a return e-mail, Markham stated that he had never mentioned religion. The "offended" student wrote that he is insulting Markham because Markham had insulted him by calling him "pro-abortion" rather than "pro-choice." The unhappy student continued:

...[You] are pro-life that means nothing but the fact that u [sic] try to enforce ur [sic] anti-abortion views on women who have the right to decide what to do with their bodies. That is anti-democracy and I will always be against that.

...[I]t is not by pure coincidence that the most anti choice people are christians [sic] or more specifically catholics [sic]. I can wager some that doug smith [sic] is would be one too. You will never find a jew [sic] or a hindu [sic] or a bahai [sic] being so venal in their arguments against abortion, if they have any. Maybe you need to learn something rather than me: ie. the definition of democracy. After all, you are an American, the citizen of the second largest democracy in the world.

Despite Markham's invitation, the writer did not attend Scott's full presentation. Markham also noted that not even one of his pro-abortion professors attended the speech, which he called "intellectual cowardice." If the writer, who is of Indian descent, had chosen to attend the presentation, he would have been encouraged to read the Summer 2001 edition of *Special Reports*, which is entitled, "And Now For Something Completely Different: The Hindu View of Abortion." We also wonder if the writer would hold the same position if he were female considering the rampant use of abortion to prevent the births of girls in the world's most populous "democracy." (Needless-to-say, the writer must not be a political science major as he has a gross misunderstanding of the meaning of the term "democracy.")

It is not surprising that no one was willing to debate the pro-abortion position. The law is on their side. Such a debate can only serve to shoot holes in the Pro-Abortion Movement. In addition, many more people would want to see a debate than would attend a one-sided presentation. The greatest advantage the pro-abortion crowd has is public ignorance about what it does and for what it stands. Any debate would unveil at least some of the ugly truth and that would not be in Planned Parenthood's best interest.

"Being pro-abortion is just seen as the thing to do on this campus; part of a way to rebel from your parents," Markham said. "But that's just stupid."

Markham was thrilled by the response to Scott's presentation. "I know for a fact that we made some converts," he said. One of the converts had undergone an abortion just months before the presentation. Markham said that the presentation was so logical and clear that even the most pro-abortion people had to stop and reconsider their point of view.

We at LDI are thankful that there are students like Markham who are willing to confront the pro-abortion mentality. LDI's Collegian Outreach Project and Coe

College Republicans sponsored our work on the campus.

"LIKE A BUSINESS"

"James Stewart knows Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin Inc. [PPW] is a nonprofit organization, but he's doing his best to run it like a business," reads an article copyrighted by American City Business Journals. "Stewart's approach is winning him praise for a nearly \$1 million financial turnaround at the organization since his arrival as president and chief executive officer in July 2001."

"The days of operating like a social service agency, or a quasi-governmental agency are long gone. As a health organization, we need to function as the kind of business that we're in," Stewart said. At the end of 2000, PPW recorded a \$1 million deficit. In 2001, after projecting a year-end loss of \$700,000, the group ended up breaking even. It ended 2002 nearly \$700,000 in the black.

"He's brought a real sense of purpose and optimism," said Deborah Hobbins, PPW's interim vice president of development. "He has a strong commitment to reproductive freedom and a strong business background. He's the ideal package."

Stewart went to PPW from Little Rock, Arkansas, where he was chief executive officer at QualChoice of Arkansas Inc., a managed care company he led for six years. His experience as a health insurance executive spans 25 years, beginning when he took a position as director of consumer affairs with the Blue Cross Blue Shield plan serving northeastern New York. Stewart rose to assistant to the president there before taking a job as chief executive officer of the Regional Chamber of Commerce in Albany, New York. After three years in that position, Stewart returned to the health insurance industry in the early 1990s before deciding to leave the business.

Stewart had served on the boards of several Planned Parenthood affiliates. The executive director of the affiliate serving Arkansas and east Oklahoma suggested to Stewart that he look for an executive position within Planned Parenthood. PPW has 31 centers, 180 full-time and 35 part-time employees, and an operating budget of \$15.9 million for 2003.

"He's an efficiency guy," said Chris Abele, a PPW board member and chairman of the group's search committee. "I'm involved with hundreds of nonprofits, and he is very easily among the top three CEOs who I've encountered." Abele said that from the start Stewart "understood our situation and was

able to suggest some good solutions."

Stewart attributes the financial turnaround to emphasizing the development of revenue streams. That has primarily meant developing more donor relationships by promoting the wide array of health services Planned Parenthood offers. Stewart is also having Planned Parenthood reach out to the religious community for acceptance and support. He characterizes himself as "someone ardently supportive of a strong Biblically based Christianity" and an active member at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in Milwaukee. The faith-based approach, as Stewart refers to it, entails taking sexuality indoctrination programs to churches and synagogues.

PPW recently hired Colleen Bennker, a United Methodist pastor, as a full-time faith-based educator. The group is "working with" ten congregations, mostly historic allies of Planned Parenthood that include the so-called "mainline" Protestant churches and Unitarian Universalists, Stewart said.

Planned Parenthood sees one of its missions as educating young people about sexual behavior, making the faith-based initiative a logical program, Stewart said. "Our educational programs are very focused on young people and their families. One of the most logical places to reach families is in the setting of the congregation," he said.

The biggest challenge Stewart sees facing PPW is maintaining the level of services it provides, Stewart said. Because the majority of the population PPW serves is below the poverty level, they qualify for free care—well, at least care paid for by tax dollars.

For 2002, the organization projects receiving \$4 million in donations, almost double the \$2.1 million raised in 2001. Donations come mostly from individuals and foundations, including the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, the Jane Bradley Pettit Foundation, and the Milton & Lillian Peck Foundation. PPW also receives government funding, which is 23 percent of the budget, as well as revenue from fees charged to customers. "We have a need to constantly show that we operate like a business, that we are responsible with the dollars that we raise, and that the services we provide are utterly critical," Stewart said.

CHOICE-SPEAK

It is no secret that social engineering is always preceded by verbal. Therefore, Planned Parenthood should release a "Choice-Speak Translator." Such a

tool would be helpful to normal Americans who are unclear what Planned Parenthood leaders mean when they talk. Here is an example of what the Translator would look like:

Choice-Speak At-A-Glance	
What Planned Parenthood...	
<u>Says</u>	<u>Means</u>
“abstinence”	“all sexual activity short of vaginal intercourse”
“sex education”	“everything...and we mean <i>everything</i> ”
“reproductive health”	“includes abortion”
“reproductive freedom”	“a ‘right’ to abortion”
“human rights”	“only for the born, includes abortion”
“diversified”	“inclusion of every point of view and every type of person with the exception of anyone who opposes Planned Parenthood’s agenda”
“bioethical standards”	“virtually anything goes”
“radical minority”	“anyone who disagrees with Planned Parenthood”
“sexually transmitted condition”	“pregnancy”
“sexually transmitted infection”	“sexually transmitted disease”
“ignorant”	“anyone who disagrees with Planned Parenthood”
“fetal placental unit”	“unborn baby”
“primary sexuality educators”	“the first sexuality educators (parents), but not necessarily the only or most important”
“homophobic”	“anyone who disagrees with the radical homosexual agenda”
“everyone knows that...”	“everyone at Planned Parenthood knows that...”
“family planning”	“birth control, including abortion”

MEMBERS ELECTED TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BOARD OF ADVISORS

At its annual meeting on January 21, 2003, the LDI Board of Directors met to discuss important matters of business, including 2002 fiscal data. It also elected members to the Board of Directors (including officers) and the Board of Advisors.

Members of the *Board of Directors* are as follows: Thomas Strobhar, Chairman, Pro Vita Advisors; Penny Pullen, Vice Chairman, Life Advocacy Resource Project and former member of the Illinois State Legislature; James J. Giese, Secretary, Dubuque County (Iowa) Right to Life; Conor S. Gallagher,

Treasurer; John Hof, Campaign Life Coalition of British Columbia; and Kevin L. Gibbs, Esq. LDI’s president, Douglas R. Scott, serves as an ex-officio, nonvoting member of the Board of Directors.

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THE PRAYER PROJECT

The Prayer Project encourages prayer for those in the Pro-Abortion Movement and those who have not been strong in their claimed pro-life convictions. Please join us in daily prayer for the following individuals: **January**—Governor *Bob Erlich*, R-Md.; **February**—Senator *Lamar Alexander*, R-Tenn.; **March**—*Jill June*, chief executive officer of Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa; **April**—*Nancy Pelosi*, leader of the Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives; and **May**—actor *Ed Harris*.

SIENNA COMMUNICATIONS

In the November-December 2002 edition of *The Caleb Report*, we noted that over the past year a number of people have asked LDI to investigate Sienna Communications Group. Those asking for the research expressed concerns about the company’s claims. LDI has concluded an exhaustive investigation of Sienna Communications Group, primarily through correspondence with its corporate officials and attorney. The results are as follows:

Issue 1: Sienna Communications claims that AT&T, MCI WorldCom and Sprint “support abortion,” as

well as other practices objectionable to pro-life people. Several pro-lifers asked how this could be true if none of the aforementioned corporations are on *The Boycott List*. Sienna's website offers more specifics:

Federal election records reveal *AT&T*, *MCI WorldCom* and *Sprint* gave over \$6,000 to re-elect Ted Kennedy. *AT&T* gave the National Organization of [sic] Women \$115,000, and *AT&T* and *Sprint* have spent thousands of dollars to help re-elect some of the most liberal congressmen.

While this is all technically true, it should be noted that these same corporations have also spent thousands of dollars to re-elect some of the most conservative (and pro-life) members of Congress. This is because the corporations support political candidates based on nothing but their positions on telecommunications policy. Abortion has nothing to do with it.

Issue 2: Sienna alleges that Sprint is associated with **Working Assets Long Distance**. The latter company funds Planned Parenthood. Sienna's website:

Working Assets Long Distance, whose carrier is *Sprint*, gives millions to groups like the ACLU, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and Planned Parenthood. For proof, go to their web site at www.workingassets.com.

Once again this is technically true. However, Sprint's association with Working Assets is nothing more than a business relationship. Sprint offers a service that Working Assets is buying, just as Working Assets purchases paper products from a company, electricity from another company, heating oil from another company, and so on. This is the full proven extent of the relationship between Sprint and Working Assets. Therefore, it is the full extent of Sprint's highly indirect association with Planned Parenthood.

Issue 3: Sienna Communications has been asked if its carriers, Qwest, Global Crossing, and Williams, have been investigated to determine if any association between these companies and anti-Christian activities can be found. Sienna reports that it had been unable to find any objectionable activities by any of its carriers.

Sienna Communications has expressed a desire to make sure that its customers and potential customers are appropriately and honestly educated. LDI has been asked to assist by providing suggested advertising language. We are happy to report that Sienna Communications Group receives a "passing grade" for its service and operations. LDI appreciates

Sienna's cooperation in allowing us to investigate the issues raised by our friends and supporters.

QUOTABLE BIGOTRY

"It's really, really fun and great to be here but I feel really welcome, unlike the St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City, where they don't exactly encourage openly gay men. They don't seem to mind the priests though, do they?"

— Openly homosexual actor Sir Ian McKellen ("The Lord of the Rings," "X-Men," etc.) during a segment of "Saturday Night Live" (NBC-TV); even members of the band applauded

IN THE (E-)MAIL

Pro-abortion people always seem to become more enraged around the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. This year was no exception.

After reading an article entitled, "Worker in Newark Abuse Case Juggled 107 Inquiries" in the pro-abortion (and Planned Parenthood-funding) *New York Times*, Joanna DiPaolo decided LDI had to hear her views about it:

What is your organization doing about these types of cases? *Nothing!!* Why don't you spend your time and resources on helping children who are already born. Your self-righteous and hypocritical slogan is "Protect the unborn but screw-em once they're here!!" You people are just as bad as the bad parents, child molesters or murderers who victimize these helpless children.

The January 8, 2003, newspaper article was about a caseworker who closed an investigation into a mother whose son was found dead in a basement. But DiPaolo was not finished with us—not even close:

...the so-called "pro-life," but more aptly known as "anti-choice-pro-privacy-invasion" movement has many more wackos and extremists than the choice side. Evidence: we don't go around shooting and harrassing [sic] your advocates/activists, nor do we invade and threaten the lives of women going about their private affairs. We don't tell people *not* to have babies either. You have *no* argument, sorry.

DiPaolo sarcastically commented on the list of celebrities that support Planned Parenthood's agenda that appears on LDI's website:

Thanks for the neat list showing which celebs are pro-choice. I can now send thank-yous to all of them and do my part in making sure people are aware of their valiant stance on choice. There would surely be more on your "watch list" except that they fear being killed by your murderous ilk.

Many more people *are pro-choice* than you are willing to admit or acknowledge. You are a rabid, extremist minority who stops at nothing, including murder, to forward your oppressive, medieval agenda. Hypocrites!

When we asked that DiPaolo cease sending us verbally abusive emails, she said there was nothing LDI could do about it. DiPaolo continued:

What are you going to do [if DiPaolo continues to send e-mails], sic James Kopp on me? If you don't like communications that challenge your views, you shouldn't have a web site and a public email address. I will let my ISP [Internet Service Provider] know that I simply engaged you in debate over a highly controversial political issue. If you can't take the heat, get out of the kitchen (and the private lives of women and families)! There is no law against my communicating with you via email...

[Y]our "celebrity list" is tantamount to a convenient hit list for anti-choice murderers. Talk about abuse! Go ahead and report me!! As you can see, I have copied my ISP on this communication so they can see for themselves that this is harmless debate, hardly "abuse"! Typical of you right-wing Christian types and our current administration if you had your way, you would impose your extremist views and archaic laws on everyone and make it a crime to disagree and exercise our right to free speech!

While LDI is happy to engage anyone in "debate," we will not do so when it is clear that the party is simply interested in being insulting and accusatory. Until the mind is open, it is fruitless. It was clear that DiPaolo was in no mood to hear a response, no matter how reasoned.

Much to our surprise, DiPaolo said she would be "flattered" to have her words printed in our "so-called newsletter as an advocate of choice," especially if we do not take her words out of context, but DiPaolo said she suspects that we would misuse her words. DiPaolo also insisted that we not divulge her e-mail address or she would "take action" against LDI:

I will take action against your organization since it will put me in the line of fire with your anti-choice homicidal maniacs. So I am explicitly ordering you right now do not publish my email address or I will take action against you. Don't forget the Nuremberg site posted by one of your violent brethren they were ordered to take it down because it put the lives of those listed on it in peril, as does your site!

Actually, LDI would never print the e-mail address because it would not be the right thing to do. It is that simple. DiPaolo's anti-Christian diatribe continued:

Do what you need to do to get your hateful vengeance on a harmless individual who merely challenged your views in what I believe is the free world. That's not very Christian of you, now is it? You will have to say an awful lot of Hail Mary's to repent for this one!

...nobody reads your hysteria-ridden newsletter anyway, save for a handful of zealots! I am more worried about being put on your hitmen's list, then being famous for being pro-choice! I am also investigating your organization and am finding out about the cowards of IDL [sic] who hide behind anonymous email addresses and web sites that don't list them anywhere. Guidestar is a great resource for this.

LDI occasionally receives correspondence from pro-abortion people who are much less volatile. For example, after visiting our website one gentleman, Arthur, wrote to give us his opinion:

Hello,

This a level-headed response from a Pro Choice [sic].

I actively support pro choice and I work with Elementary school children in an extremely low performing school. Day after day, we deal with the consequences of what happens when parents do not want their children, parents who mentally, physically or god forbid, sexually abuse their children, or take drugs during pregnancy.

We have a student who has no concept of time, he never will because [sic] his mother took drugs while he was in the womb and interfered with what was going on that day. We deal with crack babies (or in this case children) who are emotionally disturbed and will never be able to learn enough to function in today's society.

There is parents in this school who *want* their child to become a gang member, also one who sent a small airline bottle of Jack Daniels with her. A few key points that I want to get out before I continue:

A) Abstinence education is completely ineffectual. Studies show that it might delay sexual activity by about 18 months. Members of the Clergy are also in agreement on this as they counsel as young as 7th graders, who are practicing oral and anal sex without protection. They don't consider this to be sex. What needs to be realized is that it's not what we *wish* these kids would do, it's *what* they are doing now. Stricter rules will simply push the activity even further underground, and putting these kids at risk for STD's [sexually transmitted diseases] or worse.

B) Simply banning abortion all together would have disastrous [sic] societal [sic] consequences,

throwing us back to the 1950's [sic], with women having "back alley" abortions. How can Pro Lifers justify putting women's health at risk in this manner? Or supporting what could be the death of a woman in a pregnancy gone wrong, over that of an unborn fetus.

C) If abortion is banned, we will see an upwards rush in abandoned babies in trash cans.

That being said. It is my personal opinion that radical pro lifers should spend time in a Elementary school where at least half of the population were born to parents who simply do not care or born into such crushing poverty where basic needs are not being met: Then try to deal with the consequences.

I am not saying these kids should have been aborted but women *need* this right to choose.

ABORTION RATE SAID TO BE DROPPING, BUT NOT AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Why is it that the number of surgical abortions are supposedly decreasing nationwide, but not at Planned Parenthood? According to Planned Parenthood Federation of America Inc.'s (PPFA) Alan Guttmacher Institute (AGI), the abortion rate is now at the lowest level since 1974, down to 21.3 abortions per 1,000 women aged 15-44 in 2000.

It is important to remember that in most areas abortion reporting is strictly voluntary and it is not in the best interest of abortionists to show high numbers. We need to remember that any "statistics" from PPFA Inc., or AGI Inc., are inherently suspect.

While the number of reported abortions is decreasing, PPFA Inc., continued its trend of taking a greater share of the abortion business. In 2000, PPFA Inc., confesses that its abortionists killed 197,070 children. In 2001, PPFA Inc., abortionists killed 213,026 children.

Despite the increase in abortion income at PPFA Inc., and the supposed decrease in the number of abortions nationwide, the Planned Parenthood hierarchy is still upset. Why? Because the number of abortionists has also fallen. In 1982 there were 2,908 abortionists. In 2000 there were 1,819 paid killers. According to Planned Parenthood, fewer people willing to commit abortions means less access to abortion "services."

"Planned Parenthood cannot have it both ways," said Douglas R. Scott, president of Life Decisions International. "They claim to want to decrease the 'need' for abortion, yet they want to do more themselves. They claim that there is less demand for

abortion, but they decry the decrease in the number of men and women willing to kill the children."

OOPS! GUESS THEY WERE WRONG!

Yielding to studies conducted by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Planned Parenthood Federation of America Inc. (PPFA), has discontinued production of condoms lubricated with Nonoxynol-9 (N-9). Both the WHO and CDC have concluded that N-9 does not prevent sexually transmitted diseases, despite that fact that countless people were once assured that the chemical would do so.

WHO and CDC have reported that N-9 offers no protection against sexually transmitted diseases, including the virus that leads to AIDS. In fact, when used during anal sex and very frequent vaginal intercourse, N-9 can *cause* small lesions that *increase* the risk of contracting a disease. Despite these facts, PPFA Inc., will distribute the remainder of the N-9 condoms currently in its inventory.

"Latex condoms are the best product for preventing sexually transmitted infections," said PPFA Inc., Vice President of Medical Affairs Vanessa Cullins, MD, MPH. "Our goal is to ensure that every condom we produce or provide will be appropriate for every use and for use by every person."

Not only was Planned Parenthood slow to act on the studies, ostensibly for financial reasons, it is also guilty of giving young people just one more un-kept promise. People were assured that N-9 was a wonderful thing. Only God knows how many lives the chemical has adversely impacted. Only God knows how many lives have been lost because of the chemical. Yet Planned Parenthood will dismiss these tragic consequences as "just another mistake."

PRESIDENT CALLED "DECEPTIVE"

Gloria Feldt, president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America Inc. (PPFA), has accused President George W. Bush of intentionally deceiving the American people during his January 2003 State of the Union address. According to Feldt, Bush "sounded like a champion of freedom. But beneath the rhetoric, the President hinted at his real agenda, which aims to eliminate access to reproductive health care and to abridge women's fundamental civil rights." Feldt continued:

In an act of deliberate deception, President Bush promised to "protect infants at the very hour of their birth" by passing an abortion procedures ban

already deemed unconstitutional [partial-birth abortion]. Further, he challenged Congress to end all human cloning, even therapeutic cloning that would advance the treatment and prevention of debilitating and often fatal illnesses. And he acknowledged the pain and destruction caused by the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Africa without any mention of his own administration's callous attacks on condom use and medically accurate sex education, which help prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS.

Feldt has a rather strange definition of "deception." After all, she applies the term to pregnancy help centers. It seems that anyone who disagrees with Feldt's position is eventually called "deceptive."

Until the U.S. Supreme Court considers the constitutionality of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, the issue is far from decided. Any group that would defend the highly unpopular practices of partial-birth abortion and cloning are so far out of step with the American people that they can hardly be considered credible.

Feldt should consider the number of men, women and children whose lives have been damaged by condoms, including Planned Parenthood brand condoms, before pointing fingers at others. "Gloria believes that the only ways to help stop the spread of HIV involves giving her group more money—more money for its provably failed programs," said Douglas R. Scott, president of Life Decisions International, noting that there was nothing even remotely deceptive about the President's remarks.

"Women deserve more than platitudes about freedom; we deserve and demand the president's full support of our most basic human and civil rights," Feldt said. "Instead of stripping women of our reproductive freedom, President Bush and Congress should fully fund and support family planning and medically accurate sex education."

Scott said "the President and Congress are no more willing to fund and support the failed birth control programs and the accompanying Planned Parenthood-sponsored sexuality indoctrination programs of the past than it is to fund the return of the rotary dial phone." However, Scott did say that he might have been unfair in criticizing PPFA Inc., for its definition of "deception." After all, Scott said, "no group is more expert at deceptive language and deceptive behavior than Planned Parenthood. Just look at their use of phrases such as 'family planning' and 'medically accurate sex education.'"

WEBSITE LAMPOONS U.S. LEADERS

A project of Planned Parenthood Federation of America Inc. (PPFA), saveroe.com includes an animated presentation that makes it look as though only men are opposed to *Roe v. Wade*. It is also designed to continue the hysteria that *Roe* is on the verge of being overturned.

The presentation begins with picket signs in front of the White House. The signs read "Republicans for Choice," "Another Mother for Choice" and "My Body, My Choice." A PPFA Inc. banner is draped over the White House gate. A young black woman speaks to the crowd:

Hey, thanks for coming down to our rally for choice. Our reproductive rights have never been more threatened. And we're glad you're here to help us take our message to the White House as we commemorate the 30th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. Now that we have an anti-choice White House, Senate and Congress, we have to come together and speak out to ensure that *Roe* won't be overturned.

As the crowd cheers the woman's comments, the picture zooms into the White House where President George W. Bush speaks: "I will do everything in my power to restrict abortion." The statement is followed by Barbara Bush saying, "You know, I don't think abortion should be a national platform. There's nothing a president can do about it anyway. Oh honestly, the law is there." First Lady Laura Bush then says, "As for me, I don't think *Roe v. Wade* should be overturned."

The President calls on key *male* leaders for help. "Boys, I need backup! Hey [Senator Orin] Hatch!" the President yells as music begins. Attorney General "Johnny Ashcroft (giggle). And Mr. Chief Justice Man Billy Boy Rehnquist!" Senator Trent Lott slides into the singing group. "Not you, Senator Lott," the President says.

"Take it away, Oil Slick," Rehnquist says to the President. The blues-style song begins in earnest:

Bush: *Roe v. Wade's* been the law...But I say, "No more!"...Got the courts in my hand...Congress pushin' my plan...Now we're gonna reverse it all. You got the...

All: no choice...

Rehnquist: Have you heard the news?

All: No choice...blues.

Ashcroft: That's what happens when you lose.

All: You've got no choice, no voice...

Bush: we're takin' it away from you.

Ashcroft: "There aint a darn thing they can do about it, hahaha."

Bush: Now we're taking your choice away...Across the USA...You might as well move to Iraq...

Rehnquist: Good one!

Bush: 'cause we're calling the shots and we're here to stay...You've got the...

All: No choice...

Ashcroft: Have you heard the news?

All: No choice...blues.

Ashcroft: That's what happens when you lose.

All: You've got no choice, no voice...

Bush: we're takin' it away..

All: You've got no choice, no voice...

Bush: and there aint a darn thing that you can do.
Hah! That's right!

The scene returns to the black woman speaking to the small crowd:

It would be funny if it wasn't so serious.

The anti-choicers are steppin' out...And this is what I'm talkin' about...With control of the courts, the White House, the Congress...Those tired old dudes are threatening our progress.

Today it's abortion...Tomorrow, the pill...Then one day you wake up with no rights...nada...nil.

So it's now or never...We gotta *take* our stand...'cause once they tear it down, we'll be hurtin' 'cross the land.

Join the fight today. Make sure to spread the word. Your voice is your power, make it heard.

Let's all get out there and do our part. It's up to you, and you, and you.

The fist thing we need you to do is stand up for reproductive rights by sending a message to President Bush.

This is just one of the techniques used to get the pro-abortion message to the public. For more information, see the website: www.saveroe.com/celebrate/rally.asp.

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