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## ATTACK ON PREGNANCY HELP CENTERS CONTINUES Planned Parenthood Relies On “Personal Accounts”

In 1987 leaders from the Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) alleged that pregnancy help centers are little more than dangerous “fake abortion clinics” intent on luring unsuspecting and vulnerable women into a web of anti-abortion propaganda, lies and false promises. Once inside a “fake abortion clinic,” women were supposedly abused (verbally and emotionally), threatened, and even physically restrained by center personnel in order to prevent the free exercise of “choice.” The PPFA hierarchy made the allegations at a national press conference, flanked by the leaders of several other pro-abortion groups.

The campaign to “expose” pregnancy help centers (also known as “crisis pregnancy centers,” “pregnancy care centers,” “problem pregnancy centers,” and so forth) did not begin by accident. It was not the result of “investigative journalism.” It was not due to law enforcement efforts. It was the direct result of a conspiracy between pro-abortion groups and the news media.

Since the initial plot was hatched, PPFA has relied on many different tactics in its effort to destroy pregnancy help centers. The abortion-committing group told its pawns who hold public office to do everything possible to destroy pregnancy help centers. This has included a congressional hearing during which only the pro-abortion side was allowed to testify (organized by Ron Wyden, D-Ore., who blatantly lied to the American people).

PPFA has used the arm of the law in an attempt to force pregnancy help centers to close, which would leave vulnerable women no “choice.” New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, D, has been the group’s chief lapdog in this respect. (Like Wyden, Spitzer has

no problem employing ungodly tactics to achieve a satanic goal.)

PPFA has used its allies in the media to “expose” the “fake abortion clinics” as deceptive, dirty and dangerous. The goal is to dissuade pregnant women from going to a pregnancy help centers by employing fear-based tactics, lies and half-truths.

PPFA is now emphasizing the use of “personal accounts,” recently moving the strategy to the top of its repertoire of wickedness. On June 23, 2005, PPFA released what is certainly the first in a series of “personal accounts”—stories by pro-abortion women who purportedly experienced firsthand the “terror” of a pregnancy help center. Not unexpectedly, the woman telling this story remains anonymous. There is no right to confront the accuser here.

“I never thought I’d need an abortion,” the woman’s tale began. (Uh, no woman “needs” an abortion.) “I’ve used condoms since I became sexually active, so it hadn’t occurred to me that someday I might have to exercise my own right to choose.”

Is it just us or does this sound like the rhetoric of an experienced pro-abortion activist; someone who could not possibly enter a pregnancy help center accidentally? The story continues:

But just over a year ago, when I was 26, I found myself alone in the lobby of 44 Court Street in Brooklyn, where a health center of Planned Parenthood of New York City (PPNYC) is located. I suspected I was pregnant, and wanted to consider my options.

The security guard wasn’t at his desk, so I consulted the building directory to figure out what floor Planned Parenthood was on. I immediately noticed the words

“Unplanned Pregnancy?”—they were right at eye level. Below those words, it read something like “Abortion Options.” I thought, abortion options, right. I was considering getting an abortion and wanted to know about my options.

This is not a 15- or 16-year-old girl. We are supposed to believe this 26-year-old woman, who uses pro-abortion rhetoric, did not know her “options” long before she engaged in the sexual activity that left her pregnant:

I went up to what I thought was the correct floor and told the woman sitting at the reception desk that I needed a pregnancy test. I didn’t mention that I had already taken a home test and gotten a positive result; I was a little embarrassed and I just needed to know for sure.

The woman was nice enough and told me to fill out a form with my name, address, and phone number. I noticed that there was a section on the form that included three check-boxes. It read, “If you test positive, do you plan to ...” and you could check “keep the baby,” “put it up for adoption,” or “don’t know.” I checked off “don’t know” and then the woman walked me down a hallway to administer the pregnancy test in the bathroom.

The test was positive. She congratulated me and said cheerfully, “There’s an old saying—you never know who’s going to bear the next king!” That’s when I realized something was wrong; a clinic that was supposed to advise you about all of your “abortion options” would never say a thing like that. But I was nervous and I second-guessed myself, thinking that perhaps I had said something that made her assume I was going to be happy about the pregnancy.



Let’s examine this section. “A clinic that was supposed to advise you about all of your ‘abortion options’...” What? Advise you about all your “abortion options”?

Abortion is just one option. By “abortion options” does she mean the different ways in which it is possible to kill a preborn human being? What an odd, um, “choice” of rhetoric, particularly since the woman supposedly had not yet made a decision about the fate of the preborn baby.

As we walked back down the hallway, she told me about how the center provides assistance for mothers. She said that I could give birth there, and that they would pay all of my medical bills—as well as my baby’s bills for the first year or two.

This teller of tall tales must be kidding. The woman is actually alleging that pregnancy care personnel said

they would deliver the baby in a facility that was not properly equipped (especially in the event of complications) and insured? Utter nonsense.

She also told me that the center would provide food and all of my prenatal care, including delivery. I could tell that staff members tried to make the place look comfortable and welcoming, but to me it didn’t seem very clean or well-kept. Even if I had no money and I wanted to keep the baby, I don’t think I would have chosen to give birth at the center.

Yes, the woman has resorted to an attack on the sterility and tidiness of the center. This is purposefully done to make it look like a place where “back-alley abortions” are committed; a place unsafe for any living thing to spend even one second; even a cockroach would be appalled! To PPFA and its ilk, any attack on a pregnancy help center is a good attack because it helps destroy a reputation. The truthfulness of the statement, if there is *any* truth to it, is not important.

The woman then ushered me into another room, saying that a nurse would do an ultrasound for me. I wasn’t sure what to expect; I’d never had an ultrasound and I didn’t know much about the procedure. But even if I had, I couldn’t have been prepared for what came next.

After administering the ultrasound, the nurse turned the screen to show me the sonogram results. She said, “This is the fetus.” Below the photo of the fetus, someone had typed in the words “Hi Mommy!” I couldn’t believe it.

I was totally shaken but I tried to play it cool and appear calm. The receptionist made an appointment for me to come back...and I thanked the woman for her “help.” I didn’t want to make a scene because I felt so unsafe—and I didn’t want them to know that I was considering terminating the pregnancy.

The people at the center were downright creepy; I was worried that they might do something to me. The receptionist gave me all kinds of anti-choice propaganda to take home with me. I threw it away when I got home, and I never went back to the center. Thankfully, they didn’t call me to follow up.

We hope this woman never runs for president, tries to become a police officer, joins the military, or decides to work at a nuclear plant. If the words, “Hi Mommy!” leave her “totally shaken,” she could never handle the stress of those jobs. And this is the same center that referred to a preborn baby as an “it” in the “check-box” section of the form filled out by the pregnant woman?



Police artist sketch of pregnancy care center worker—as described by abortion advocates.

The pregnant woman continues to make it sound as though the pregnancy help center was a dangerous place, even describing the volunteers as “downright creepy.” What? Did they have three eyes and four arms? Did they appear in horror movies before saying to themselves, “You know, this movie career is great,

but what I’d really like to do is set up an office in a non-sterile, dangerous place where I can lie to women so they won’t be able to exercise their ‘right to choose’?” And what, exactly, did this pregnant woman think the volunteer staff would “do” to her? (We’re not sure, but we’re thinking “Frankenstein” Meets “The Mummy”)

Why did this woman, who supposedly had not made up her mind about the pregnancy, refuse to read the “anti-choice propaganda?” Maybe the literature was creepy, too? Why do we believe this woman was a “plant?” (It would not be the first time Planned Parenthood did such a thing.)

I did end up having an abortion, and I know it was the right thing for me. But I’m very wary about the workers at this place catching up with me, which is why I’m concerned about maintaining my privacy.

Just a couple of months after I had my abortion, I saw the woman who gave me the pregnancy test. She caught my eye while walking down the street, and I became extremely uncomfortable. I hate the fact that these people have my address and phone number somewhere in their records. It’s awful that they set up centers adjacent to Planned Parenthood health centers and try to manipulate women into believing we’re sinners. We’re not.

I wish I hadn’t filled out that form. I wish I’d realized sooner that I was in the wrong place. But I hope that at least other women will learn from my experience. I want them to know what their options are, and to know that places like this aren’t any help at all.

One can “manipulate” a woman into believing she is committing a sin? But, what if she *is* committing a sin? She should not even be confronted with the possibility?

This woman claimed she chose to speak anonymously because she feared what the pregnancy help center personnel would do to her. It had nothing to do with an unwillingness to be questioned about the saga so her claims could be investigated? To say this story is

over the top would be an understatement to be sure. If this fable were not so sinister it would be laughable. In any case, PPFA is directing people who read the story to more of its material regarding pregnancy help centers.

“A Wolf in Sheep’s Clothing: Anti-Choice ‘Crisis Pregnancy Centers’” was written by Nadia Berenstein, in November 2004. Read the dramatic story that begins the article. (Do the PPFA personnel who write such tales follow a specific template? They sure do seem to look and sound alike.):

Imagine this: you’re a single mother. Your infant son suffers from severe hemophilia-B and requires constant, costly care. When you find out you’re pregnant again, and this fetus also has hemophilia-B, you know you can’t properly raise two children with this condition. You decide to terminate the pregnancy.

Looking under phone book listings for abortion providers, you reach a man with a kind, soothing voice who promises to arrange a safe, low-cost abortion with a doctor in a private practice. He regrets he can’t give you the doctor’s name but assures you that he will schedule the appointment for the following week and call you with the information.

You don’t hear from him, and the appointed day comes and goes. He calls, apologizes, and reschedules. Repeat. Again. And again. By the time you catch on, it’s too late to obtain a legal abortion. You must carry the pregnancy to term against your will. Soon you will be a single mother with *two* young children with Hemophilia-B.

We are supposed to believe this happened to 22-year-old “Jane Doe Four,” one of several plaintiffs in a lawsuit against William A. Graham and the Causeway Center for Women (CCW) in New Orleans. Another plaintiff is abortionist James DeGuerce. The plaintiffs are represented by the pro-abortion Center for Reproductive Rights (CRR).

Four female “victims” allege they were intentionally subjected to “emotional distress.” The suit also claims defendants are guilty of fraud, false advertising, unfair competition, and trademark infringement. (DeGuerce accuses Graham of choosing the name “Causeway Center for Women” to intentionally mislead people because DeGuerce used the business name “Causeway Medical Clinic.” (It is just us or is “Causeway” the only similar word? And is it not misleading to referring to an abortion facility as a “Medical Clinic”?)

You’d hope that cases like this would be rare. But at last count, there were 3,200 so-called crisis pregnancy centers (CPCs) operating in the United States, all of which have the same aim as Graham: to make it more

difficult for women to choose abortion. You may have seen the ads in newspapers or subway cars—“Pregnant? In Trouble? We Can Help.” But instead of employing nurses, medical staff, or social workers—people trained to help and counsel women with their pregnancies—CPCs are staffed by anti-choice activists whose first concern is the promotion of their agenda. They discourage, frighten, and shame women, using gory pictures and videos, exaggerated tales of complications, religious propaganda, and ideologically skewed materials.

Women like “Jane Doe Four” need support in exercising their choice, not more roadblocks thrown in their way. “If I could afford to raise another child, I never would have considered an abortion,” she said in her written complaint. “Now I am afraid that I will end up homeless.”

Berenstein’s goal is to paint the same kind of picture of pregnancy help centers that the woman who claims to have visited to a New York center was painting, but with a twist. And the writer implies that *all* pregnancy help centers are guilty. She suggests that all center volunteers have no regard for women; they just want to “discourage, frighten, and shame” them. Berenstein suggests that centers routinely use “gory pictures.” But would not the women in the first story describe the ultrasound accompanied by the words “Hi Mommy!” as gory?

“Jane Doe One,” 21, had scheduled an abortion at the Causeway Medical Clinic. When she called directory assistance for the phone number to confirm her appointment, she was given Graham’s number instead. He convinced her to cancel her appointment at the clinic and reassured her that he could arrange an abortion “up to 30 weeks” into her pregnancy. Louisiana law permits abortions only during the first 24 weeks of pregnancy.

By the time she figured out that he was a phony, it was too late. She had not sought prenatal care and ended up suffering severe emotional stress and physical complications with her pregnancy. She was stuck with a \$6,000 medical bill, which she is unable to pay.

Let us see if we can summarize our feelings about this story—*hogwash* and *nonsense*! The drama added to this scenario seems to come from an episode of “Beverly Hills 90210.” But anyone who agrees that this is hogwash and nonsense “ain’t seen nothin’ yet.” Berenstein wrote that, “Graham is not taking money from the women he deceives. He is taking something much more valuable: their fundamental human right to make their own childbearing decisions.” Oh, please! First the overly dramatic story and now this?

“Women need to know that there are radical people in this day and age that [sic] have the guts and the audac-

ity to do this,” said one plaintiff. Never fear, Planned Parenthood and its allies are ready to step in and “help.” Women are being encouraged to become part of a class-action lawsuit against pregnancy help centers. Suzanne Novak, a lawyer with CRR, is working on what could be a very lucrative case.

Before ending this article we must set the record straight. It is *never* too late to get a legal abortion anywhere in the United States (see *Roe v. Wade* and *Do v. Bolton*, USSC 1973). Even one minute before birth would be legal. The problem is finding an abortionist willing to do the deed given the significantly increase chance of complications. There is an abortionist in the western part of the country willing to do very late abortions. This paid killer charges his customer based on the size of the baby’s head. The larger the head, the greater the chance of complications. The greater the chance of complications, the bigger the bill.

We would not be surprised to hear PPFA demanding a law that *requiring* every doctor to commit abortions throughout all stages of pregnancy. After all, using pro-abortion logic, no woman should be “denied access;” no “medical professional” should be able to refuse “treatment;” and under no circumstances should a woman’s “right to control her own body” be impinged. And the “right to abortion” is certainly more important than any individual’s conscience. (PPFA is currently teaching pharmacists this lesson.)

*Resource:* For information about the original conspiracy that led to attacks on pregnancy help centers, please read the Autumn 2000 edition of *Special Reports*, which is available on LDI’s website: [www.fightppa.org](http://www.fightppa.org) (click on “Publications”).

## LIFECHECKS

LDI has received several inquiries about Custom Direct LLC (CD), which markets LifeChecks (checks bearing pro-life messages and/or photographs). Life Dynamics (LD) has reported the existence of a “scandal” and a “scheme” involving CD. The organization, based in Denton, Texas, also claimed pro-life people are “outraged” by Custom Direct’s “deception.”



In a statement released to the media, LD’s Mark Crutcher pointed out that “thousands of Americans use [LifeChecks] as a way to advance the pro-life cause.” He said a “scandal” exists now that his group has “exposed” the existence of a CD subsidiary called Message!Products. The subsidiary makes checks for groups such as Planned Parenthood, the National Organization for Women (NOW), the American Civil Liberties Union, and what LD identified as other “radical left-wing groups.”

LD has been particularly concerned because a percentage of the funds made through the sale of checks under the Message!Products subsidiary is given to the respective participating groups. “Interestingly,” LD’s statement read, “Custom Direct does not appear to make similar contributions to pro-life groups for the sale of LifeChecks.” LD reported that Crutcher “exposed the tangled web,” which he described as “sleazy and underhanded.”

“The LifeChecks and Check Gallery websites contain nothing that might inform a potential customer about the connection between Custom Direct and these... groups,” Crutcher said. He pointed out that at another CD website the company sells Christian, patriotic, family values and pro-life checks “right alongside its anti-Christian and anti-life products.”

After receiving LD’s press release, LDI contacted John C. Browning, the company’s president & chief executive officer. “We were disappointed to learn recently that Custom Direct LLC has supported Planned Parenthood,” wrote LDI President Douglas R. Scott. “Needless-to-say, abortion is one of the most controversial issues in the world and by supporting Planned Parenthood, Custom Direct has plunged itself into the middle of this highly volatile issue.”

Scott asked Browning to “take the necessary steps” to keep Custom Direct LLC off *The Boycott List*. “If Custom Direct will make Planned Parenthood ineligible for future support of any kind, we will not add the company to *The Boycott List*.” Accompanying the letter to Browning was information about Planned Parenthood and its activities. (Note: LDI *never* publicly criticizes a corporation without first attempting to make contact with its leadership.) Browning did not respond.

Failure to respond to LDI’s letter would usually send a corporation directly to *The Boycott List* if it had already been confirmed that support had been given to Planned Parenthood. Under normal circumstances, LDI writes to corporate leaders only *after* an investigation of philanthropic activity has been completed. But in this case LDI had not done the original research.

“This was the first time in LDI’s history that we sort of ‘put the cart before the horse,’” Scott said. “We wanted to act quickly based on the information received from Life Dynamics. But before adding Custom Direct to *The Boycott List*, we thought it was important to investigate the matter ourselves.” The research led to the unveiling of the following details:

- Words such as “deception,” “scheme,” “sleazy,” “underhanded,” and “exposed” imply that CD was knowingly and intentionally trying to deceive its customers. Yet a visit to CD’s website clearly shows the connection between the parent company and its subsidiaries. LDI has uncovered no evidence of an attempt to deceive anyone and to allege otherwise, we believe, is simply unfair.
- CD does indeed give a percentage of the sales under its Message!Products subsidiary to the associated groups. However, the system is identical to that used by amazon.com and similar businesses. Amazon.com sells products with both pro-life and pro-abortion themes. The Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) receives a percentage of the revenue generated from the sale of products, but *only* when a person accesses amazon.com through a link on PPFA’s website. In other words, it is money from pro-abortion people going to Planned Parenthood. Persons ordering from amazon.com without using the PPFA link would in no way be contributing to Planned Parenthood. Pro-life/pro-family organizations also make money in exactly the same way.
- It is true that pro-life organizations do not get a percentage from the sale of LifeChecks. This is because LifeChecks was purchased separately and it has never been part of the Message!Products business, which inherently includes the affinity program.
- It is true that pro-life groups are not involved in the Message!Products program. This is not, however, because they have been barred. In fact, CD has worked to get pro-life organizations to join the program, but none have been willing to do so. (The program requires affiliated groups to give CD access to donors. To date, no pro-life group has been willing to do so but several other types of groups have been willing. According to CD, a profit cannot be realized without this access because the groups themselves do not adequately advertise available products.) It should also be noted that several innocuous groups take part in the Message!Products program; not just leftist groups.

“It is our opinion that the connection between Custom Direct and Planned Parenthood is even weaker than that which exists through a corporate matching gift program,” Scott said. “We were all set to add Custom Direct to *The Boycott List*. In fact, *The List* had been changed to include the company. But after investigating this matter, we have determined that Custom Direct does not qualify to be added to *The Boycott List*.”

LDI is not completely happy with Custom Direct. Under the company's current system, LDI has asked CD's chief executive officer to take three steps:

- "LDI *strongly* objects to the listing of checks for Planned Parenthood and NOW supporters under the category of 'Women's Rights,'" Scott said. "We have asked that they be moved to the 'Social' issues category."
- LDI has asked CD to select one or more pro-life groups, preferably problem pregnancy centers, to receive a percentage of the sales from LifeChecks. (LDI would disqualify itself from consideration so there is no question about our objectivity.)
- LDI has asked CD to work more diligently to persuade conservative, pro-family, and pro-life groups to take part in its Message!Products program, even if it means relaxing the standards of participation.

"We would certainly prefer to see every corporation refuse to have any association whatsoever with Planned Parenthood, NOW and similar groups. Planned Parenthood would certainly prefer to see every corporation refuse to have any association with pro-life/pro-family organizations," Scott said. "If a corporation chose to align itself with one side and refused to do so with the other, a boycott would certainly ensue. But we must remember these are not 'Christian' or 'Pro-Life' businesses. They exist to make money and unless the chief executive officer and/or shareholders have 'seen the light' about Planned Parenthood and its ilk, the best we can reasonably expect is that they offer the same services to both sides or do so for neither side."

Scott said Life Dynamics has done some wonderful work. "This is our judgment based on our mission, goals, morality and experience working with corporations. This is not necessarily the conclusion that would be reached by every pro-life person, but we feel *highly* confident in the honorable defensibility of the conclusion we have reached."

### SAVEROE.COM POSTCARDS

Want to spread the message of death but just cannot find the right words? Let saveroe.com, a project of Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA), say it for you.

There are postcards for special occasions. Take, for example, Father's Day. Want to let your father know how pro-abortion you are? "Thanks for being my Dad! Happy Father's Day!" the card reads. Of course, these nice words are followed by some additional text:

Join Planned Parenthood in helping women and men have the families they choose.  
www.saveroe.com

It seems the postcard should simply read, "Thanks for being my Dad! Just don't let it happen again! Happy Father's Day!"



Maybe you are being kept awake at night by a fear that far too few women are using "emergency contraception" (EC). No problem! There's a card for that, too. Not only does every woman "need" birth control, they need "emergency contraception" as a "back-up." But this is apparently no big deal since surgical abortion has been a back-up for birth control for decades. Today, of course, all of this may be accomplished with a pill.

Did your pharmacist refuse to fill your prescription for birth control? If so, it's time to call your pharmacist inflammatory names far and wide! Send the postcard that will really put your pharmacist in his or her place; not to mention raise more money for Planned Parenthood:



Zealous pharmacists from across the country are refusing to fill prescriptions for birth control pills, including emergency contraception, because they don't "believe" in birth control. Join Planned Parenthood in urging pharmacists to dispense medication, not moral judgment.

www.fillmypillsnow.com

"Join Planned Parenthood in urging pharmacists to dispense medication..." Did PPFA say, "urging"? PPFA is demanding that any pharmacists refusing to do so be fired! And yes, you read that correctly. "Emergency contraception" is referred to as "birth control" and "birth control" is referred to as "medication."



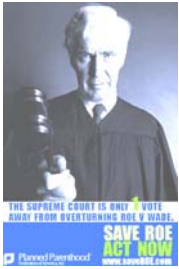
What's that you say? Politics is your bag? Great! Send the postcard guaranteed to motivate your fellow pro-abortion zealots, while making you proud that you did your part just by sending the postcard. And be sure to push the myth that only cruel men in suits want to ban abortion. After all, the falsehood is necessary if we are to keep portraying a ban on abortion as anti-woman.

Why are these men smiling?

It's because George W. Bush and the congressional leadership just succeeded in restricting your reproductive freedom of choice.

It's time to change that.

Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.



Don't have a special occasion? No need to fret; there are plenty of postcards from which to, well, choose. You can tell your friends and family that *Roe v. Wade* is a mere one vote away from being overturned. (Planned Parenthood was never really good at counting—except when counting money, of course. The truth is that *Roe v. Wade* is two—maybe even three—votes from being reversed. Still, there is nothing like a good fear-based advertising campaign to rally the pro-abortion troops.)

There are more postcards where that came from. So act today! After all, it could be the postcard *you* send that saves legal abortion!

#### UPDATE: CORPORATE FUNDING PROJECT

A revised edition of *The Boycott List* was released in May 2005. Many corporations have been added to *The List*. Since its previous publication, three corporations have been dropped as boycott targets: Newman's Own, Principal Financial Group, and most recently, The Kroger Company.

It appears that Whole Foods Market is changing its story depending on who is writing the company. Whole Foods Market does not support Planned Parenthood at the national office level. Rather, it allows all of its stores to do so.

Whole Foods Market is a *very* recent addition to a list of Planned Parenthood donors to Planned Parenthood of the Columbia/Willamette (Portland, Oregon area). A link to PPCW's list may be found on the Corporate Funding Project page of LDI's website: [fightpp.org](http://fightpp.org).

Whole Foods Market refuses to talk to LDI leaders. Its hierarchy chooses to mislead the people who contact them on an individual basis. We ask specific and hard question—questions Whole Foods Market leaders apparently do not care to answer. Simply put, the strategy the company is currently employing will not get its name removed from *The Boycott List*.

#### QUOTABLE QUOTE

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

— Margaret Mead

## YOU CALL YOURSELF A DOCTOR?

Have a medical question? You certainly will not want to ask Vanessa Cullins, M.D., vice president for medical affairs at Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA). She does not have a grasp on basic medical fact; much less complicated studies.



Cullins recently responded to two questions that were supposedly sent to her by PPFA supporters. Responses were made public on PPFA's website:

*Does having an abortion really lead to breast cancer?*

No. No. No. No. No. There is no truth to this at all. It is one of those nasty myths invented by anti-choice organizations to frighten women away from having an abortion.

Just last February, the federal government put together a team of researchers to review the many studies that have been done on this over the years. They decided that there were flaws in the studies that linked abortion and breast cancer. The best studies, including one of 1.5 million women in Denmark, have found no link between cancer and abortion—none.

The truth about the link between abortion and breast cancer may be found at [abortionbreastcancer.com](http://abortionbreastcancer.com).

*My friend says that life begins when the egg and sperm join together. I say that it begins when a baby takes its first breath. Which of us is right?*

All kinds of people—theologians, philosophers, scientists, lawyers, legislators, and many others—hold very different views about when life begins. In fact, both the egg and the sperm are living things before they meet and join. There's no real argument there.

The really hot question is, “When does being a person begin?” Most medical authorities and Planned Parenthood agree that it starts when a baby takes its first breath.

Some of our oldest religions have changed their views about this question many times over the centuries. Today, some people sincerely believe that being a person begins when the egg is fertilized. Some, just as sincerely, believe that it begins with birth. And lots of others believe it begins somewhere in between.

What we are all sure about is that a pregnant woman is a person. We know for sure that she has morals, feelings, human needs, and a conscience. Because of this, we know that she is the only one able to make a decision about her pregnancy options. She does it based on her own needs, ethics, and religious belief about when being a person begins. It would be wrong to force her to observe someone else's religious belief.

The truth about when human life begins may be found in any fourth grader's science textbook. This is an example of ignoring the facts so they do not collide with a political position. From a legal perspective, however, the question is indeed one of personhood because the Constitution guarantees rights to legal persons. The Supreme Court did not declare that preborn children are inhuman; it declared them non-persons.

The question, then, is, "When does a human being become a 'person?'" Needless-to-say, a subjective and narrow definition of "personhood" allows us to do whatever we wish to those who do not fit in. This is true be they blacks in America, natives in America, Jews in Nazi Germany, or preborn human beings.

### THE MOTHER OF MUCH PERVERSION

*This article includes offensive text. Please use discretion.*

"In these sex-negative times," wrote sex educator Ellen Friedrichs for PPFA, "it takes nerve to talk openly about masturbation. Only a decade ago, when U.S. Surgeon General Jocelyn Elders publicly acknowledged that masturbation is a vital part of human sexuality, she lost her job. But Betty Dodson has been talking candidly about masturbation since the 1960s. Indeed, few women have done more to *promote* masturbation and liberate female sexual pleasure (emphasis added)."

Dodson, who is known as "the Mother of Masturbation," has been "one of America's most vocal advocates for female sexual pleasure" for more than three decades, Friedrichs wrote. Dodson has made use of workshops, instructional videos and books to spread the message that masturbation is just plain good and should be engaged in as frequently as possible.

Dodson's most well-known books are *Liberating Masturbation* (later revised and republished as *Sex for One*) and *Orgasms for Two*. According to Friedrichs, Dodson has "transformed women's lives by giving them the tools and the confidence to tap into their sexual pleasure."

In an interview with Planned Parenthood Federation of America's (PPFA) *Choice!* magazine, Dodson said she was "overwhelmed at the success" of *Liberating Masturbation*, which was first released in 1974. "The book was seen as a joke," she said, "so I had to get accustomed to being everyone's favorite joke." Dodson said that men viewed talking about masturbation as "hysterical" while women though it was "re-pulsive."

Dodson said her workshops have evolved into "sex coaching," which is "like a workshop, only with one person." She provided a description:

The women who come are usually professional women. They are all ages—30s, 40s, 60s. I get a lot of phases—for example, women in their 50s, who say they are breaking free and now want some sexual pleasure or women in their 20s. I don't see as many women in their 30s. Maybe they are off having babies.

...  
The big thing I promote is the direct use of vibration, which I've done from the very beginning. For myself, I discovered vibration in the early 1960s. Rachel Maines, in her book [*The Technology of Orgasm*], says that feminists brought back vibrators. Excuse me, it wasn't feminists—it was me!



Dodson said she is sad that her message has been "censored by the culture" in which she lives. "*Goddess* bless the Internet because I've had a Web site since '97 or '98, and for the first time I have a forum for communication so I won't be censored (emphasis added)."

Dodson described her next video, which will be titled, "Orgasmic Woman":

[The video] will show vaginal penetration using a vaginal barbell and clitoral stimulation. A lot of women hate penetration because it's too hard or fast or because of friction. "Orgasmic Woman" shows me working hands-on. I work with a woman who doesn't think she is having an orgasm. Some orgasms are like hiccups or a sneeze and some are huge and profound. But, if a woman doesn't recognize that she's having an orgasm, then what happens? How would you intensify it? That would be by taking more time after you have that first orgasm. Don't stop! Keep going! Women are not like guys. We are so ignorant about female sexual pleasure.

Given the chance to make a final comment, Dodson said, "We have to be strong. My attitude is I've got to have more orgasms to get through [these times]. It's the only antidote to violence."

Leave it to PPFA to make a heroine out of someone like Betty Dodson.

### IN YOUR OWN WORDS

LDI often provides space for its supporters (and detractors) to have their say about various issues. If you have a comment on any issue relating to LDI or life issues, do not be shy! Send it to us!

Karen Plumb, editor of *The Northern Light*, wrote to LDI President Douglas R. Scott to get some advice on fighting Planned Parenthood in Montana:

I was impressed by your strength of character as illustrated in the quotes given in a recent press release from Christian New Service. Is there anything else you would add to those in Montana fighting a new Planned Parenthood clinic?

One LDI supporter expressed frustration at criticism leveled against some members of the Catholic clergy during the Terri Schindler Schiavo tragedy:

I am a proud mother of 3 children with one more on the way. I rarely take the time to write such letters, but I feel morally compelled to do so.

I have whole heartedly [sic] supported LDI for a number of years...I don't get to read all you send, but I did read most of *The Caleb Report* March-April 2005. I did not read the press release regarding the Florida Bishops but I did read "In your own words" where readers "applauded" you for your "criticism" of the Florida Bishops. I also noted with surprise the comic which reflected the Florida Catholic Bishops in a very negative light. I know that you [LDI President Douglas R. Scott] are not Catholic but are often sympathetic to Catholicism, so perhaps you were not raised to understand the importance & wisdom of:

Never, Never criticize a priest.  
Never.

Do we think our criticism will bring about a conversion or change of heart for them? Have we forgotten that priests are "the Anointed Ones of God". Even David of the O.T. (Old Testament) would not harm King Saul, God's anointed one, though he had a number of opportunities to eliminate this man (Saul) who persecuted David relentlessly.

We see enough derogatory coverage in the "mainstream media" attacking our priests. I am deeply saddened to see more of the same in *The Caleb Report*. I pray that God will grant you the grace to repent of this very grave sin.

Never, Never criticize a priest!

I could say much more about how this scandalizes the faithful as well as the pagans & how this is not helpful in getting the Bishops' support in the future...but I am tired & have many daily pro-life duties I must attend to in my growing family. God bless you.

— Mary Legreid

Interestingly, it is Catholics—some of whom are priests—who have encouraged LDI to expose those who have failed to provide appropriate leadership. And even though 50 percent of LDI's Board of Directors and a majority of our supporters are Catholic, we have never received a message of this kind before

now. Still, we asked a member of LDI's Board of Advisors, Rev. Thomas J. Euteneuer, to respond:

Such reasoning is good to give to children but not to adults. It is like saying to the Prophet Elijah, "Never, never criticize Ahab, never, because he was an anointed king of Israel." That sad excuse for a male sat back and tolerated the brutal murder of an innocent because it behooved him to keep good relations with his Jezebel. Are we to say that there is anything different in the Schiavo case? The other side of the coin is that LDI is a prophetic ministry, and I don't think LDI should apologize for it. We are blessed because LDI exists to serve such an important role in the pro-life movement.

Why would anyone ever consider entering what we call the "One True Church" if it is in the grips of such scandalously irresponsible leaders who claim divine authority without accountability?

While Fr. Euteneuer is certainly not a "bishop basher," he is on record criticizing the bishop of the diocese where Schindler-Schiavo had been a parishioner. He received an overwhelmingly positive response from a nationwide audience of EWTN viewers. In addition, Fr. Frank Pavone of Priests for Life called the St. Petersburg Catholic clergy "cowardly," among other things. And let us not forget that Jesus called the Pharisees, the so-called official teachers of Israel, a "brood of vipers," "frauds," and "white-washed tombs," and so forth.

Convincing Catholic leaders (or anyone else we may criticize, for that matter) to change their minds is not the primary reason for speaking up. It is important that the laity not be led astray. It is important that non-Catholics be spared a gross misconception of Catholic teaching.

One final note on this matter. We do not know even one clergyman who would publicly censure another person in the ministry just for being imperfect. These men speak out only when there is an egregious violation of episcopal duty. There are many times when good members of the clergy would be negligent if they chose *not* to speak out. (Human Life International gives a "Millstone Award" to so-called theologians who lead the faithful astray through erroneous teaching.)

This message put a smile on our faces:

You [LDI] are the only group I know of that can criticize your donors and get away with it. At first when I read your March [2005] letter scolding subscribers, I thought, "This guy's got a lot of nerve!" I didn't mean it in a positive way. But your letter came to mind several times over the next week and I was convicted by

the Holy Spirit because I had not done any of the action items you mentioned in the letter.

You had explained why it was important for everyone to do their part but I became defensive instead of really opening my heart to what you were saying. In the letter you said “unless many people take the requested action, LDI will be viewed as nothing more than a ‘paper tiger’” and “If they have heard from you, they listen to us. If they have not heard from you, they ignore us.” This makes total sense and I am sorry for my attitude and for not doing my part.

I’m going to go do the action items right now and I’m going to set aside time every week to write to companies on *The Boycott List*.

You must have known that scolding your supporters was risky but you did it anyway. Mr. Scott, you are a brave man and feel free to scold us any other time we get complacent.

– Pat Edelbrock

Thank you! (It was not meant to “scold,” but...)

We believe the following e-mail will be an encouragement to you; just as it was to us:

I wanted to thank you for standing up for life especially the unborn. My family and I are strong Catholics and support you all the way. We will by word of mouth let everyone know about *The Boycott List*.

Our family and friends will mention to us about a particular product or store, and we don’t hesitate to inform them that we cannot support them. We have four children; 14, 13, 10, & 5. We explain to them, excluding the 5 yr. old, that Disney is a supporter and that we cannot buy their products, and you know they are very accepting of it, which happens only by the grace of God.

There are certain brands of clothing that are very nice, but again our children know already what the answer is and why. At times it is hard but you know we have always found a way to be entertained and have nice clothes without supporting these businesses. We even changed our phone service...and mortgage company. We believe strongly in the gift of life, because God created it.

I would have one suggestion for you...Most Catholic and Christian churches that we know of don’t have knowledge of [LDI]. We try to get the word out, but maybe these churches can be reached in other ways! Because all Christians should stand up for life.

Thank you for your time, and we pray every day for the respect of life and for word to get out and save these precious gifts. God’s Blessing to You!

– Mr. & Mrs. Tim Avila & Family

It looks like someone else is happy with LDI:

We want to first thank you so much for your kind words about Pope John Paul II. That was so thoughtful of you. Also, we want to thank you for all the work you do. We have been following your *Boycott List* for years. We try to keep our 7 children informed and they always know why we cannot buy a certain product.

– Bill and Linda Purcell

Oh, stop! You’re embarrassing us!

### “REAAAAAAAAALLLY” LOVING ABORTION

*This article includes offensive text. Please use discretion.*

Every confirmed corporate donor to Planned Parenthood receives a letter from LDI requesting that funding of the abortion-committing organization cease. Such letters are accompanied by information about Planned Parenthood that is designed to give corporate officials a clear understanding of the group’s goals and philosophy. If a corporation agrees to make Planned Parenthood ineligible for funding, it is not added to *The Boycott List* and its name is kept confidential. Corporations that do not agree to make Planned Parenthood ineligible for funding are added to *The Boycott List*.

While large corporations generally use a professional tone in responding to our letters, local business owners are less likely to demonstrate such tact. As published in our March-April 2005 edition of *The Caleb Report*, Jack B. Halpren of Catering By Jill (Richmond, Virginia) threatened to do violence against LDI leaders. He had similar words with Life & Liberty Ministries (reprinted verbatim, errors and all):

I am sorry that you are so un informed. I am an adoptive parent and not a supporter of abortion but believe that planned parenthood offers women more options than abortion. Constitutionally it is a womans right to seek those services, usually a last option of despartation not a birth control device as some simple minded boobs like you believe, planned parenthood helps woman not get pregnant in the first place. It offers woman and men the options that are available to them including adoption, in a thoughtful manner letting those people make their own choices. Hopefully contraception is the choosen form of birth control by most. Get a grip on your emotion and when you can offer an alternative I respectfully request the you take your simple minded less than christianed spirited vile assertions and stick kindly up your pompus ass and spin.

PS. Next will you persecuting the blacks or the jews?

Another letter sent to Life & Liberty Ministries, which had confronted several local businesses about their

funding of Planned Parenthood, was from Tom Binns of Tom French Flowers (Richmond, Virginia):

Received your letter...regarding your threatening actions. As you are not aware, I also donate to religious causes and churches. Due to your letter, I will no longer assist these groups and refer them to your letter with copies to each group. I will give your information to each and let them discuss their reaction with you. This means good Christians will be affected because of the action of your group...May God Bless Your Souls.

Steve and Lynn Hanrahan of the Mirador Community Store (Portland, Oregon) wrote:

We recently received a mailing threatening to add our store name to your boycott list because we support Planned Parenthood. Thank you for that letter and please add our name as soon as possible.

And if you could send us a poster about the boycott with our name on it, we would appreciate it. We'd like to put it in our window to show people that we support a woman's right to control over her own body and aren't afraid to be known as a supporter of Planned Parenthood.

Even those corporations we believe are highly unlikely to stop funding Planned Parenthood are mailed a letter about the Corporate Funding Project and information about Planned Parenthood before being added to *The Boycott List*. Take, for example, *The Portland Mercury*, a "newspaper" of the radical left. William Steven Humphrey, editor of the publication, placed a photograph of our letter to his company on the front page of the "newspaper." He also published a response to our letter in the "newspaper," which was titled, "Boycott Us...Please!":

coming publication, *The Boycott List*. We have struggled long and hard to provide corporate and moral support to Planned Parenthood, and until now, it felt like no one had even noticed. But now that the *Portland Mercury* is featured in *The Boycott List*, we can shove it in the face of all those other liberal organizations, and say, "You think you love abortion? Well...look at THIS! We reaaaaaaaalllly love abortion!"

But abortion is not the only reason we love Planned Parenthood. We love how they provide much needed health services such as safe sex counseling, gynecological exams, prenatal care, pregnancy testing, treatment for STDs and much more—all at a reasonable cost. Their services were especially helpful when your wife gave me Chlamydia, or that time I impregnated your daughter. (Wait...maybe that was some other Christian bigot's wife and daughter. Regardless, those gals love to party!) But Planned Parenthood isn't just for the promiscuous daughters and wives of hypocritical honky Anti-choice crackers. It's for any woman who believes in the American right to choose, and make responsible decisions regarding her own body.

So thank you once again for recognizing the *Portland Mercury's* continuing devotion and support for Planned Parenthood by including us in *The Boycott List*—and if it's not too late, we'd like to make one more request: Is there any way you can push us to the top of the list?

As is often the case with those who "love" abortion, Humphrey prefers to ignore the grossly evil acts committed by Planned Parenthood and concentrate on its seemingly innocuous activities. (Klan members seldom spoke of lynching and beatings when promoting their hate-group. After all, it was a small part of the group's activities—many of which were quite inoffensive.)

It is interesting that Humphrey can refer to "Christian bigots" while blatantly exposing his own anti-Christ bigotry. Putting aside his name-calling, racist remark, and the downright perverse comments about having sex with a Christian wife or daughter, Humphrey clearly views "anti-choice" people as hypocrites who oppose the "right to choose."

While we pray that all Christians would be faithful to God and His will, which never includes the killing of those He created in the womb, we could be the most hypocritical or inconsistent people on earth and abortion would still be wrong. And the "right to choose," verbal engineering created to help sway public opinion, is an incomplete phrase. Humphrey supports the "right to choose," but the "right to choose" what? The full sentence would read something like this: "I support the right to choose to kill a preborn human being

[A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: On our front cover is an unedited letter sent to us by Douglas R. Scott, president of "Life Decisions International"—a group whose sole purpose is to put Planned Parenthood out of business. Here's our response to Mr. Scott!]

DEAR MR. SCOTT: Thank you for your recent correspondence. It gladdens my heart to see people who still see the necessity in standing up for what's right. Bearing that in mind, the *Portland Mercury* is thrilled that Life Decisions International has chosen us to be included in your up-



I find inconvenient—at any time in pregnancy and for any or no reason.” Okay, now we have an accurate picture of what Humphrey is talking about because proper use of the English language has been employed.

Slaveholders did not believe that everyone should own a slave. They just did not want people interfering in their personal decision. If slaveholders had coined the “pro-choice” phrase and pursued a strategy relating thereto, the abomination might still exist today.

After Humphrey published LDI’s letter and his response, we received several messages from *Portland Mercury* readers. Interestingly, nearly two-thirds of the messages we received were from men. We will include some of the messages, along with our responses, in upcoming issues of *The Caleb Report*.

### STRICTLY SPEAKING



The Oxygen Network airs “The Sunday Night Sex Show” and “Talk Sex,” which are hosted by sex-obsessed Sue Johanson. But this is apparently not enough sex-talk on television. The Discovery Health Network (DHN) wants to give Johanson some competition.

Drew Pinsky, M.D., became well-known as host of the syndicated radio show and co-host (with Adam Carolla) of the highly-rated MTV program “Loveline.” He is the co-author, with his “Loveline” co-host, of *The Dr. Drew and Adam Book: A Survival Guide to Life and Love*, and the sole author of *Cracked: Putting Broken Lives Together Again*. Like those offered by the Oxygen Network, the program consists of questions and answers on sexual topics. DHN began airing “Strictly Sex With Dr. Drew” on June 8, 2005.

“Share your story—be a part of ‘Strictly Sex with Dr. Drew,’” read a promotional piece designed to identify potential guests for the new show. “This groundbreaking new series will explore the world of sex, love & relationships.” The promo states that Pinsky will bring “his trusted expertise to the show, giving viewers valuable take-away knowledge.”



According to the promo, one of Pinsky’s programs will be a round-table discussion about “what turns you on sexually.” Another will be a studio audience discussion about “sexual chemistry.”

A second promo piece, which had the same goal as the first, said “Strictly Sex with Dr. Drew” will “explore the world of sex in a fun, lively, conversational, and useful manner.” Planned topics noted in this promo would be based on the following questions:

- Have you cheated on your mate?
- Sex, what are you afraid of?
- Do you have sex only with the lights on?
- Are you afraid of your partner’s genitals?
- Are you afraid to ask your partner to do something you would sexually like?
- Are you a pregnant couple afraid to have sex? Are you afraid it will harm the unborn child? [Oops! Did they say “unborn child”?]
- Women—did you become pregnant without actual penetration?

“Do you have another type of story that you would like to share with us?,” the promo asks. “DO NOT MISS OUT ON THIS OPPORTUNITY!!”

A third promo lists other program topics:

Each one-hour episode of “Strictly Sex With Dr. Drew” is a mixture of audience feedback, discussions with “sexperts” and man-on-the-street interviews. Dr. Drew takes viewers behind the sexual hype to uncover the truth about the following show topics: Masturbation; The Orgasm; Sex, Drugs & Surgery; Sex, What Scares You?; Sexual Chemistry; and Am I Normal?

Interestingly, Pinsky’s expertise is not related to sex. He is medical director for the Department of Chemical Dependency Services at Las Encinas Hospital in Pasadena, California. Pinsky is a board-certified addictionologist. So, except when sex, speaking about sex, or just plain talking dirty becomes an addition... Hmmm.

### THE PRAYER PROJECT

Please join us in daily prayer for the men and women who are active in the Pro-Abortion Movement and those who have not been strong in their claimed pro-life convictions: *May*—**Karen Pearl**, interim PPFA president; *June*—Senator **Hillary Rodham Clinton**, D-N.Y.; *July*—**Betty Dodson**; and *August*—**Drew Pinsky**, M.D.

### CLEVER IS AS CLEVER DOES

Those folks at the Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) can be so clever. Take the abortion-committing group’s website, [saveroe.com](http://saveroe.com). PPFA has come up with an online game that allows the website

visitors to help make sure the supporters of abortion do not “strike out choice.”



“After failing miserably as the owner of the Texas Rangers, George W. Bush is trying his hand at managing another team: the nine justices of the Supreme Court,” PPFA

writes in an introduction to the game. “Bush is hoping to stack his team with anti-choice judges who will strike out *Roe v. Wade*.”

Anti-*Roe v. Wade* members of the Supreme Court play for “The Gavel Rousers” baseball team. The team is managed by President Bush. The opposing team is called “The Roe Rangers.” The visitor is playing for the latter team.

Pro-abortion activists are “taking to the field” to send the “anti-choice efforts” of The Gavel Rousers “into a downward spiral,” PPFA states. “So get off the bench and join the team fighting to save *Roe* in your community.”

### DAYS OF HEARTBREAK

It was like being hit in the stomach. And even before we had time to catch our breath, we took another wallop in the midsection. We all knew these blows were coming, but somehow, this time, knowing did little to prepare us. Nothing could soften the impact. Worse still, we knew the pain would last a very long time.

After a long struggle, the life of an innocent woman was taken. And as his health began to deteriorate, it became clear that the body of a great but old man could no longer keep up with his still brilliant and vibrant mind.

These were days of heartbreak; the deepest kind of sorrow. It was the kind of sorrow that left us not only in pain, but also a bit frightened about the future—for our children, our parents, our country, and our world. We had only God to lean on. To remind us that He is still in control. To assure us that He has a perfect plan. To show us His love and compassion in the midst of despair.

The following text is an excerpt from a statement released by LDI President Douglas R. Scott following the killing of Terri Schindler Schiavo:



The willful and senseless killing of Terri Schindler Schiavo was not only a crime against Terri; it was a crime against humanity itself. This tragic event is sure to be repeated over and over again unless all people of faith

and life stand up and be counted. A nation of caring people grieves and we pray that the Schindler family will realize God’s peace and grace. I do not believe that Terri’s death was “God’s will,” as some claim. God allowed mankind to exercise free will and the will of man proved deadly for a woman who, in the eyes of far too many people, could not measure up. Man—and man alone—is fully responsible. While God accepted the decisions made by man, He surely weeps with us.

LDI President Douglas R. Scott issued the following statement after the physical death of Pope John Paul II:

On behalf of Life Decisions International, I want to extend my deepest sympathy to our Catholic brothers and sisters on the passing of a truly great man...this is a time of great sadness.

Please know that we are praying for the Catholic Church and her people. We pray that God will guide the College of Cardinals in the selection of the next pope. And if the next pope is even half the leader, the teacher, the peacemaker, the man John Paul II was, the Catholic Church will be in good hands.



I had the honor of meeting John Paul II on several occasions. While I am not Catholic (not yet, anyway, as my close friends will tell you), I like to think that I know a truly godly man when I see one, and John Paul II was a godly man indeed. We thank God for his life and service.

God bless you all at this time of sorrow and hope.

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