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PLANNED PARENTHOOD VOWS TO FIGHT ON Bush Victory Called “Disastrous for Reproductive Rights and Health”

The Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) hierarchy was left both stunned and aghast by Campaign 2004. Nevertheless, they have affirmed their determination to continue fighting for “women’s reproductive rights.”

“In a political race, there is always a winner and a loser,” said PPFA President Gloria Feldt. “But it is also true that every victory sows the seeds of the next defeat and every defeat sows the seeds of the next victory.” Feldt said that PPFA will work with “America’s pro-choice majority” to forge ahead.

“We are deeply disappointed that President [George W.] Bush will now have four more years to continue his efforts to roll back women’s rights,” Feldt said. “Our thoughts are with all the women, both in this country and around the world, whose lives and health will suffer as a result. But these election results are not a mandate to move the country yet further to the right on women’s rights. We will think and act with unity of purpose and fierceness of heart to protect our human rights. No matter what.”

“Only Gloria Feldt would claim to represent a majority of people while losing so big,” said LDI President Douglas R. Scott. “Based on past elections, if Senator John Kerry (D-Mass.) had won, Feldt would have said it was primarily because of his position on abortion. She would have claimed personal credit for the win. Using Feldt’s logic, we can say Kerry lost *because* of his position on life issues.” Scott said that if Kerry had won by one vote nationwide, PPFA would have called it a mandate. “President Bush received more than 50 percent of the vote,” Scott said, “which is inherently a mandate.” He

said PPFA wants to make the President feel insecure about acting on the mandate.

Feldt said Americas will face critical battles over the future of the U.S. Supreme Court (expect a brutal fight) and attempts to “restrict access” to abortion, birth control, and “comprehensive” and “medically accurate” sex education. She promised to work with other “human and civil rights” groups to protect and expand “women’s reproductive self-determination.” “We will fight these and many other battles to continue to work to bring about the day when reproductive rights are understood as fundamental human rights that can never be jeopardized by the outcome of any election,” Feldt said.

Regardless of PPFA’s attempt to put a positive spin on the November election results, its legions suffered a massive blow. PPFA had worked in unprecedented collusion with other groups to defeat Bush. Yet despite spending huge sums of money and working harder than ever, Bush easily outpolled Kerry—60,608,582 (51 percent) to 57,288,974 (48 percent).

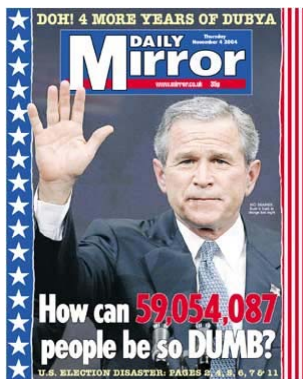
One consortium, America Votes (AV), consisted of many of the largest membership-based groups in the United States. AV represented a combined membership of more than 20 million Americans. Associated groups deal with issues such as “environmental protection, education, human and civil rights, women’s rights, choice and labor.” AV partners joined together to share research and information.

AV partner groups included: Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN), AFL-CIO, America Coming Together

(ACT), American Federation of Teachers, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, Million Mom March, Clean Water Action, Defenders of Wildlife Action Fund, Democracy for America, EMILY's List, Environment 2004, The Human Rights Campaign, League of Conservation Voters, The Media Fund, MoveOn.org Voter Fund, Moving America Forward, Music for America, NAACP National Voter Fund, NARAL Pro-Choice America, National Education Association, National Jewish Democratic Council, National Treasury Employees Union, Partnership for America's Families, Planned Parenthood Action Fund, Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Sierra Club, USAction, Voices for Working Families, Young Voter Alliance, and 21st Century Democrats.

AV called itself a "non-partisan political" group. This is rather odd since most of its affiliated groups were anything but non-partisan. For example, Music for America describes itself as "a partisan, political non-profit." The group also advertised what it called a "satire about the Christian Right's efforts to take away a woman's right to choose" (rightwingeye.com).

Young Voter Alliance commented on the election results: "While the result of the election is not what any of us wanted or expected—we are extremely proud of the Democratic youth turnout." Non-partisan?



Despite the unambiguous election results, those who oppose traditional values continue to show their disdain of the ignorant masses who disagreed with them and supported Bush. The leftist, pro-abortion media was quick to ridicule those who voted for his re-election. Ultra-left

celebrities, such as Bill Maher and Michael Moore, claimed that those who supported the President just do not get it. And, of course, some groups even alleged the election was rigged. Consider this memorandum that MoveOn.org addressed to its supporters shortly after the election:

Dear MoveOn member,

Questions are swirling around whether the election was conducted honestly or not. We need to know—was it or wasn't it?

If people were wrongly prevented from voting, or if legitimate votes were mis-counted [sic] or not

counted at all, we need to know so the wrongdoers can be held accountable, and so we can prevent this from happening again.

Members of Congress are demanding an investigation to answer this question...Join us in supporting the call for one now, at: <http://www.moveon.org/investigatethevote/>

Then please invite your friends and colleagues to sign, as well. We need to show Congress that hundreds of thousands of Americans are serious about protecting the integrity of the vote.

We're all hearing the stories and wondering what's true and what isn't. But at least two cases of serious problems are accepted beyond doubt:

In Broward County, Florida, electronic voting machines counted backwards: as more people voted, the official vote count went down.

In one Columbus, Ohio suburb, election officials have acknowledged that electronic voting machines credited Bush with winning 4,258 votes, even though only 638 people voted there.

These are just cases where we know something went wrong. There were also lots of reports of people being denied ballots on Election Day. So far, these reports remain anecdotal, but they must be compiled and examined. And the Internet is abuzz with theories about why the official counts were so different from the exit polls.

Do you have a story? Were you prevented from voting? Tell us...

Six prominent members of Congress have called for an investigation. Representatives Conyers (D-MI), Holt (D-NJ), Nadler (D-NY), Scott (D-VA), Watt (D-NC) and Wexler (D-FL), have demanded that the U.S. General Accounting Office:

Immediately undertake an investigation of the efficacy of voting machines and new technologies used in the 2004 election, how election officials responded to difficulties they encountered, and what we can do in the future to improve our election systems and administration.

We've got to support their call by asking our own Representatives and Senators to join them.

If you have a personal story of disenfranchisement, tell us. These members of Congress have agreed to include our stories and comments in their call for an investigation. Please sign now—we'll deliver our compiled statements to them on Friday.

Even if you don't have a personal story, your signature on our petition will still help build support for an investigation.

To keep our faith in democracy, we need to know the facts. Your signature, and your story if you have one, will help.

“When we were children, my siblings and I would play many games. Whenever I won, no matter what the game or contest, they would accuse me of cheating,” Scott said. “After all, I must have cheated, they thought, if I beat them. They could not just accept that I had won.” Scott had some words of advice for MoveOn.org’s leadership. “You lost. Get use to it. Get over it. And, well, move on.”

No one should be surprised by the elitist attitude exhibited by such people. It is fully in line with the views of PPFAs founder Margaret Sanger who believed that the intelligent elite should have a greater political voice than the “moron” on the street. (Sanger essentially defined “moron” as anyone who disagreed with her. It is clear that this archaic attitude is prevalent among some segments of our culture even today.)

Scott believes in giving credit where it is due. “I want to thank several people for helping to ensure the re-election of President Bush,” he said. Scott noted that this is not an all-inclusive list, but those who deserve to be thanked know who they are: Bruce Springsteen, Matt Damon, Brad Pitt, Kathleen Turner, MTV, Jacko Book, Young Buck, David Browne, The Dave Matthews Band, The Dixie Chicks, Bonnie Raitt, R.E.M., Rickie Lee Jones, Pearl Jam, Jurassic 5, Death Cab for Cutie, James Taylor, Ben Harper, My Morning Jacket, Jackson Browne, John Fogerty, Keb’ Mo’, Bright Eyes, John Mellencamp, Kenny “Babyface” Edmonds, Crosby, Stills & Nash, George Clooney (his father unsuccessfully ran for Congress in 2004), Don Henley, P. Diddy, Willie Nelson, John Prine, Rob Reiner, Richard Linklater, Scarlett Johansen, Kevin Bacon, Al Franken, Rebecca Romijn, Martin Sheen, Margaret Cho, Doug Limon, Darren Aronofsky, Donal Logue, Edie Falco, Ed Asner, Moby, Benny Boom, John Sayles, Allison Anders, Illeana Douglas, Ione Skye, Phil Donahue, The Roots, Perry Farrell, Daron Murphy, Natalie Merchant, Linda Ronstadt, and Janeane Garofalo.

These celebrities do not represent the values of the vast majority of Americans. “Thank you all very much,” Scott said. “Your incessant and unrelenting push for John Kerry, a man who supports your deadly and shortsighted worldview, may have made all the difference.” In short, their involvement backfired.

There are three things you can count on for Campaign 2008. First, Hillary Rodham Clinton will run for President. Second, pro-abortion Republicans will seek the nomination. And third, a victory in 2008 will be an uphill battle. Our work should begin now.

FOR HOW MANY DOES MILLER SPEAK?

Like most celebrities, Dennis Miller describes himself as “pro-choice.” The comedian recently spoke about abortion on his talk show:

Now I don’t want to get off on a rant here because basically tonight’s topic is a minefield—abortion. I couldn’t be any more on tiptoes if the show was being produced by George Balanchine. This is the Big Debate and I’m talking bigger than who was the better Darren on “Bewitched.”

Abortion is our nation’s “Final Jeopardy,” and I’ll wager, Alex, that if our nation fights another Civil War, it will be about this. And I would remind you that this is all from my perspective, the male perspective, a one-step-removed perspective, because I will obviously never have to decide on whether or not I should have an abortion. And by the way, my belief is that if men were the ones getting pregnant, abortions would be easier to get than food poisoning in Moscow. Having men decide the fate of a woman’s reproductive system makes about as much sense as asking Quentin Crisp to coach the Raiders.

All right, enough qualifying, let’s get on with it. There’s no doubt that passions run high on both sides, and this issue has created a divide in this country not seen since Carly Simon last yawned in public. The prevailing opinions on a woman’s freedom to choose are going further to the right than a Greg Norman tee shot.

Pro-life activists attempt to paint anyone pro-choice as having no morals. On the other side of the ledger, pro-choicers are tagging pro-lifers as crazed and backward bible-thumpers bent on running the lives of the people who disagree with them. The truth, as always, in the case of human endeavors lies somewhere in-between. As much as the advance scouts on either side of this issue might not want to admit it, good people do get abortions and other good people are pained by their decision to get one.

Where do I stand? Well, I’m like most of you, I presume. I think there are far too many abortions performed in this country. And I also believe that at the end of the day, as much as I might disapprove, none of them are really any of my business.

Look, there are always going to be arguments on this issue. The debate will rage until the end of time no matter what the whim of the Papal infallibility or the politics of the decade. But the simple truth is that such a passionate and personal decision dictates that the choice be left to the individual. And you know that’s really all we can do because we’re just human beings, stumbling around in the dark, trying to get to the bathroom and kicking the [expletive deleted] out of our shins on the way there.

Now there's [sic] some things all right-minded human beings should agree on. We should all agree that abortions should be legal in the case of rape, incest and when the mother's life is at risk—that's just common sense. But excluding that obvious assumption everything else in the abortion arena is "in play."

There are many quagmires complicating this issue. Religion. Now it seems that religion is most often the backboard for every bank shot put up by someone making it their business to get into your business. Roman Catholic doctrine forbids abortion. Fine. Take that into consideration when you make your decision. Right-to-life proponents contend that abortion is immoral. Fine. Take that into consideration when you make your decision.

Another pothole on the road to a sensible resolution to abortion is "when does life begin?" At conception? When a heartbeat is detected? At the first drawn breath?...

Okay, so those are the variables and there are obviously millions more variables that make each individual case unique. But the more you think about it, and the more it makes your head spin, and the more confused you get trying to figure out someone else's life for them, it becomes increasingly apparent that it has to be the call of the individual who is pregnant, because the collective, one way or another, won't have to suffer the consequences of that most personal of all decisions.

My fellow Americans, it is time to suck it up. Look deep into your immortal soul, if you believe you have one, and do the right thing. Have the courage and strength to live your own life, by your own standards, and stop trying to call the shots for everyone else. We all live with glaring inconsistencies, and sometimes, when you see something going on right in front of you that offends you to the very core of your being, sometimes the best thing you can do is walk away, because you know that's exactly what you would want them to do for you.

There's only one judge on all this and that's God. And you don't get to meet Him until you go backstage after the play is over. And believe me, you do not want to get a "thumbs down" from the guy who created thumbs, all right? In the interim, everybody has got to tend their own garden vis-à-vis abortion. And remember, when it comes to your body, only you wear the robes and only you carry the gavel.

Of course, that's just my opinion. I could be wrong.

We have printed Miller's remarks for one reason—they are the epitome of the way most people in North America feel about abortion. If we understand the thinking of those who support legal abortion, we will

be able to convince more people to change their minds.

As any pro-life activist can plainly see, most of Miller's opinion is based on fallacious information and faulty reasoning. But why do we think that if we were afforded the opportunity to have a long conversation with Miller about his opinion, he would eventually change his mind? Of course, that's just our opinion. We could be wrong.

IN THE LOOP

The following e-mail message, which lambastes President Bush for signing the Abortion Non-Discrimination Act, was sent by Planned Parenthood to its supporters:

From: Planned Parenthood Action Network

Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004

Subject: Bush Signs Anti-Choice Bill Into Law

Without much fanfare and media attention, yesterday President Bush signed into law the Weldon Amendment, or so-called "Abortion Non-Discrimination Act" (ANDA). This latest attack on women's rights allows institutions to refuse to comply with existing or future laws that protect women's access to abortion services. It also allows health care institutions to refuse to give women full information about all of their reproductive health options. PPFA and others will be working to see the law blocked in the courts or repealed in Congress, where Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-TN) has promised Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) a vote to repeal the bill. *Please join the fight to repeal this amendment. Contact your representatives in Congress today.*

Below is the sample letter:

I am outraged by the inclusion and approval of the Weldon Amendment in the Omnibus Appropriations Bill for FY 2005. This federal refusal clause is a serious danger to a woman's constitutional right to choose and will limit women's access to all medically appropriate information and services.

Restricting the ability of women to obtain complete and necessary health services and information is not something that should be rammed through the legislative process without complete discussion and debate.

I urge you to do all you can to ensure that women and doctors are protected from this outrageous attack on our rights. Please fight to repeal the amendment.

Planned Parenthood's hierarchy offered their view as to why the recommended action is so important:

In spite of its name, ANDA does not protect women seeking abortion services from discrimination. In fact, it discriminates against them. It is a wide-sweeping refusal clause that will have a deeply negative impact on women's ability to access abortion information and services. The vast majority of Americans oppose allowing health care entities to deny services to women, even if those entities base their refusal on moral or religious grounds. ANDA does not even require moral or religious grounds—health care entities can refuse to provide abortion or information services for any reason, and there isn't a thing that the local, state, or federal government can do about it...

PPFA released a statement to the media headlined, "So-Called 'Abortion Non-Discrimination Act' Threatens Women's Health." According to the press release, the legislation was "originally proposed by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and added as an amendment to the final version of the omnibus appropriations bill." PPFA claims the law will allow health care organizations to refuse to comply with existing federal, state or local laws pertaining to abortion." PPFA President Gloria Feldt had much to add:

This amendment's Orwellian name makes it sound as if it protects women seeking abortions from discrimination. In fact, it discriminates *against* them. It also discriminates against health care providers as well as state and local governments that want to provide comprehensive women's health care. It allows any health care provider or institution, religious or otherwise, to refuse to provide a much-needed reproductive health care service. The vast majority of Americans oppose allowing health care entities to deny services to women, even if those entities claim their refusal is based on religious or moral grounds, which ANDA does not require. This sweeping federal refusal clause will allow the whims of a corporate entity to trump the conscience and very real medical needs of women nationwide. Simply put, you ought to be able to trust your doctor or hospital to give you a full range of options and respect your health care choices. ANDA lets them discriminate against you.

PPFA claimed that ANDA, which was sponsored by Rep. Dave Weldon, R-Fl., "provides a sweeping exemption from existing laws relating to safe and legal abortion services. Health care entities, as defined by the law, include hospitals, provider-sponsored organizations, health maintenance organizations, health insurance plans or any other kind of health care facilities, organizations or plans."

"We will also continue to work with our allies in Congress and across the pro-choice movement to strengthen legislative protections on reproductive rights and health through measures like the Putting Prevention First Act..., which promotes family planning programs," Feldt said. "If ANDA's anti-choice supporters really cared about preventing abortions, they would help us do more to support family planning instead of penalizing women and service providers with vague, unfair, and dangerous legislation."

ACTION: Tell your members of Congress that you oppose any move to repeal ANDA.

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: *November*—comedian **George Carlin**, who has spoken in favor of abortion and made bigoted comments about pro-life people and Catholics; *December*—President **George W. Bush**; *January*—ImNotSorry.net founder **Patricia Beninato**; and *February*—comedian and talk-show host **Dennis Miller**, who has spoken in favor of abortion.

NEW PROPAGANDA EFFORT LAUNCHED

Some parents are opting to participate in a new curriculum developed by Planned Parenthood called "Real Life. Real Talk." Building on the national curriculum, Planned Parenthood of Rhode Island (PPRI) developed "Becoming an Askable Parent" (BAP), a six-week course for mothers and daughters.

According to Planned Parenthood, the goal of BAP is to "help mothers feel more comfortable talking with their daughters about sex and sexuality by providing them with the skills to do so in a supportive environment." As part of the curriculum, girls between the ages of 11 and 14 learn about "sexual responsibility."

Planned Parenthood "research" has shown that children whose parents have talked openly and honestly with them about sexuality are more likely to postpone first intercourse to a later age than those whose parents have never talked to them. Let us remember that the research addressed *parental* involvement in teaching their children about sex, not that of school teachers or counselors. Nevertheless, PPFA continues to push such indoctrination in schools.

PPRI created the program to address high rates of teen birth in one of its core cities, Central Falls, where more than 40 percent of children live in poverty. “When teens believe they have value and a real chance for success, they see a future where teen pregnancy has no part,” said Miriam Inocencio, PPRI’s chief executive officer. “We want to create a healthy environment where they can realize just how wonderful they are. At the same time, we want to foster the need for parents to pass on cultural values and remain engaged with their children—young people really do want to hear from their parents, even if they act like they don’t.”

PPRI will offer the BAP program eight times a year in Providence and Central Falls, the cities with the highest teen pregnancy rate.

STILL MORE PROPAGANDA

Rule number one: convince people that your programs are essential, even if they actually make problems worse. This rule has never been ignored by PPFA and its ilk. Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., who is rabidly pro-abortion, has released a “study” that he claims “proves” that abstinence-only education is “irresponsible and harmful to young people.”

The “study” purportedly examined the accuracy of the most popular curricula used by federally funded abstinence-only sex education programs and found that “more than two-thirds of these programs distort information and mislead young people by giving them false information about abortion and contraception, particularly about the effectiveness of condoms.” Waxman’s results are similar to those published by PPFA’s Alan Guttmacher Institute affiliate, except in this case American taxpayers funded it in full.

“Abstinence-only programs that give too little or wrong information to young people can have life-threatening effects,” PPFA claimed in a press release. “And they are out of line with the values of average Americans.”

Naturally, PPFA applauded Waxman’s “study,” which they characterized as showing that government-funded abstinence-only sex education programs are “deceitful and dangerous.” The group did not mention the fact that it applied for and received funding under the program.

“Rep. Waxman’s study proves what other research has already revealed—that abstinence-only programs are irresponsible, ineffective, and harmful to young people,” said PPFA President Gloria Feldt. As usual, she had much more to add on the subject:

The vast majority of American parents want their children to have comprehensive and responsible sex education.

As we mark World AIDS Day, we would do well to reflect on the mortal danger of teaching adolescents not to use condoms, which not only help to prevent unplanned pregnancies but also protect against HIV, the virus that can cause AIDS.

Abstinence-only sex education has no positive effect on the behavior of teens, yet in fiscal year 2005 the federal government will sink a whopping \$170 million into these ideologically driven programs, while comprehensive, medically accurate sex education programs receive no dedicated funding.

Congress and the Bush administration are shortchanging the taxpayers and robbing young people of the information they need to make healthy, responsible choices. In light of these findings, it’s time to rise up and tell the federal government to stop funding abstinence-only programs and start investing in medically accurate, comprehensive, and responsible sex education. The lives of our nation’s young people depend on it.

The Waxman “study” has been well-received by the leftist media. A piece by Mary-Jane Wagle, chief executive officer of Planned Parenthood Los Angeles, was published in the *Los Angeles Times*. Headed, “Abstinence-Only: Breeding Ignorance,” its introduction follows:

Imagine a driver’s education course in which teachers show students grisly photos of traffic accidents but never tell them to stop at red lights or buckle their seat belts, and you’ve a pretty good idea of what abstinence-only sex education is like. Abstinence-only programs try to scare and shame teens, teaching only the negative consequences of sexuality without telling young people what they can do to stay safe and healthy.

Wagle offered specifics from the “study”:

Several of the curricula contain basic scientific errors and present religious views as proven fact. Some curricula also treat gender stereotypes as scientific truth.

Here are some examples: In several abstinence-only programs, students are erroneously told that condoms fail to protect against HIV and that pregnancy occurs one out of every seven times that couples use a condom. One textbook states that touching another person’s genitals “can result in pregnancy.” Another suggests that 5% to 10% of women who have legal abortions will become sterile as a result.

One curriculum refers to a 43-day-old fetus as “a thinking person.” Another incorrectly lists exposure

to sweat and tears as risk factors for HIV transmission. And one textbook sanctimoniously instructs teenagers: “Women gauge their happiness and judge their success on their relationships. Men’s happiness and success hinge on their accomplishments.”

California has been wise enough to see through the hype of abstinence-only sex education, and it continues to be one of the few states that refuse to accept the federal funding for abstinence-only curricula.

Californians mandate HIV/AIDS education in our schools and require that all sexuality education is comprehensive and medically accurate. And our attention to the needs of our state’s youth has paid off. Our teen pregnancy rate has fallen by 40% over the last 10 years—the largest decrease of any state except Alaska.

Wagle wrote that abstinence-only curricula “clearly have no positive effect on the behavior of teens.” Citing researchers from Columbia University, she alleged that while virginity “pledge” programs did help some of the participants delay sex, 88% still had premarital sex. Even if all 88 percent had engaged in sexual intercourse just once, Waxman used it as proof that abstinence programs do not work. Moreover, how does Waxman define “sex” for the study?

“Despite these problems, the federal government will squander an astonishing \$168 million for these programs in fiscal 2005,” Wagle lamented. “Although this falls short of the \$270 million President Bush initially proposed, it more than doubles the amount spent in 2001. Meanwhile, programs that work go unfunded.” Planned Parenthood leaders believe that any government program that does not send most of its funds to them is a waste of taxpayer dollars.

“Proponents of abstinence-only sex education believe that knowledge can be dangerous. Ignorance, however, can be fatal...When our young people are at risk of HIV infection as well as other sexually transmitted infections, it is unconscionable to deprive them of information that can save their lives,” Wagle concluded.

PPFA urged its supporters to take action: “It’s time to raise our collective voices and let our government know the truth—*real sex ed saves lives.*” PPFA activists were urged to contact their respective members of Congress and ask them to “decrease funding for programs that distort the truth and call for an investigation into programs that provide deceptive information.”

QUOTABLE QUOTE

“I don’t know about you, but my compassion for someone is not limited to my estimate of their intelligence.”

— marine biologist “Dr. Gillian Taylor,” played by actress Catherine Hicks, responding to a comment that whales are not human and their intelligence is not even close to that of human beings, in *Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home*

“MILKING THE PRO-LIFE COMMUNITY”

An LDI supporter brought to our attention a website called “Mary’s Remnant Ministry” (MRM), which has included the names of many corporations on its “Boycott for Life” page. It seems that the site’s webmaster is rather unhappy with LDI—so unhappy, in fact, that she has accused us of “milking the pro-life community for profit.”

MRM is run by Doris Ballard, who began her assault on LDI with some background material:

The Boycott for Life list which we’ve been using was obtained, in toto, from St. Antoninus Institute [SAI]. We first saw it on EWTN. We assumed, because of its source, that the list was up to date, and that we were safe in posting it for our people.

When the 2002 [SAI] list came out, we updated our own, thinking that we were providing everyone with the absolute latest companies that fund the abortion industry. I’ve since discovered that this is far from the truth...We can’t continue to rely on the St. Antoninus list, because by the time they update their list, it appears that it’s already outdated.

Because of the list being so far out of date, companies that have stopped funding abortion have been unfairly kept on the list, and companies that are new abortion mill donors continue to receive the funds and trust of good people. Please, dear readers, accept my apology.

We want to keep the list up to date, but here is our dilemma:

The only group that appears to put out a current pro-life list not only charges for the list, they also copyright it. Can you imagine? I can understand their charging for the list, since their research does cost them time and money. However, copyrighting it shows what their real bottom line is. Even if I bought their list, I could not put it on the MRM web site to share it with you. I guess that each person who wants to help the pro-life cause by boycotting the pro-abort donors has to buy a copy, and then keep it to themselves. I guess it can be passed from hand to hand, but it can’t be copied, or reproduced, and as such, it’s worthless to the pro-life internet [sic] community. I won’t name them, and I’d like to

say that I'm doing them a favor by being silent...God help them. Their greed is part of the reason [the list on MRM's website is out of date]!

...

If someone could either tell us how to go about getting such a list, or could acquire one for us, I promise you that I would post it on the internet [sic] for all to see—for free. Keeping it under wraps by charging for it and copyrighting it is the same as not telling people which foods set before them contain poison unless they pay for the information, and even then they're not allowed to effectively warn anyone else! What a sad ministry! Actually, it's *not* a ministry, apparently it's a business. They're milking the pro-life community for profit.

Interestingly, MRM sells products via cafeshops.com. Readers of *The Caleb Report* may recall that this is the company that is also selling t-shirts that read, "I just had an abortion and all I got was this lousy t-shirt" and "I Love Abortion." Cafeshops.com sells a thong that read, "Abortion is a Property Right" and lunchbox that reads, "Babies make an excellent lunch meat."

Persons wishing to review our policy regarding distribution of *The Boycott List*, including the reasoning behind the policy, are invited to visit www.fightpp.org.

UPDATE: CORPORATE FUNDING PROJECT

Newman's Own is no longer a boycott target. Please delete the company name from *The Boycott List* (page 4 and page 6 under "FOOD & DRINK"). There is no need to make a change to the *Checkbook List*.

WHAT'S IN YOUR CHILD'S YEAR BOOK?

Did your son or daughter purchase a 2003-2004 high school year book? Most children long to have year books so they can have a record of their high school years. But imagine the surprise of Warren County, Virginia, parents who read the results of a poll conducted among their children that featured questions about their sexual behavior—all published in the year book, which a person will likely keep for a lifetime.

According to the "survey," 55 percent of the student body was sexually active. It is important to note that the definition of "sexually active" was left to each individual student to determine. The "survey" showed that 47 percent of "sexually active" students "do not practice safe sex all the time."

The school took this opportunity to implant some Planned Parenthood statistics into the heads of Warren

County High School students. For example, the 2003-2004 *Mirror* year book includes the following text, which was linked to the "do not practice safe sex" question: "Something to think about...one out of every four new STD infections occurs in teenagers. That's 3 million a year who get an STD!" It was also noted that, "HPV, herpes, and syphilis are all STD's that can be contracted *even* if a condom is used!"

The statistics regarding sexual behavior noted above, found on page seven of the year book, were repeated on page 20, except in greater detail. Another question asked for page 20 was, "Do you believe in premarital sex?" Only about 22 percent of students answered "no." Clearly, the leadership at Warren County Public Schools believes it is somehow useful to place such unscientific statistics in the year book for all to read.

ACTION: Check out the year books and student newspapers released in your county. In addition, regardless of where you live, let the principal at Warren County High School know that you are aware of her decision to allow the "survey" to be taken and placed in the student year book, and that as an American taxpayer you are appalled: Mrs. Melinda Calhoun, Principal, Warren County High School, 240 Luray Ave., Front Royal, VA 22630-2520. Phone: (540) 635-4144.

PRO-ABORTION GROUPS WIN LAWSUIT

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and Planned Parenthood are celebrating a federal appeals court decision that strikes down a New Hampshire parental consent law because it failed to "protect young women's health." The law would have required abortionists to notify a parent at least 48 hours before committing an abortion on a minor. It included a judicial bypass provision but contained no exception for circumstances in which the delay would "seriously threaten a young woman's health."

"We are pleased with the court's decision to safeguard the young women of New Hampshire," said Jennifer Frizzell, public affairs director for Planned Parenthood of Northern New England, one of the plaintiffs in the case. "By failing to make any exception when a teen's health is in danger, this law would have jeopardized the well-being of young women seeking abortions throughout the state."

Other plaintiffs included the Concord Feminist Health Center, the Feminist Health Center of Portsmouth, and abortionist Wayne Goldner. Lawyers for the ACLU and PPFA represented the plaintiffs in challenging the statute. Claire Ebel, executive director of New Hampshire's ACLU affiliate, said the ruling "follows previous court decisions—including those of the U.S.

Supreme Court—which have held that a woman, regardless of her age, has a fundamental right to an abortion to protect her health,” said.

PPFA said the law would have “forced physicians to wait to provide emergency medical care until the young woman was facing imminent death”—a statement which is completely ludicrous. “Health care providers need the freedom to perform an abortion immediately if the health of a woman is in jeopardy,” said Dara Klassel, a PPFA lawyer who argued the case. “This law would have prevented young women from getting the critical medical care they need.”

The three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit said the law forces physicians to “gamble with their patients’ lives...or to risk criminal and civil liability.”

“We are pleased that the court recognized that this law did not adequately protect young pregnant women, and struck it down accordingly,” said Corinne Schiff, an ACLU Reproductive Freedom Project lawyer who also participated in the case. “And while there will certainly be pressure for the state to seek review by the U. S. Supreme Court, we would expect the Supreme Court to reach the same decision.”

PRO-ABORTION MOVIE

Walking in the footsteps of *The Cider House Rules*, a new feature film has hit theaters that sings the praises of a woman who “helped women” by committing illegal abortions on them in first part of the 20th century. *Vera Drake* is a Mike Leigh film and was released by a subsidiary of Time Warner.

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