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## How to Answer Planned Parenthood Supporters

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By now, you've likely seen the sickening undercover videos (<http://www.centerformedicalprogress.org/>) of Planned Parenthood abortionists and medical staff casually discussing the harvesting and sale of the body parts of aborted babies and picking through a pie dish identifying little arms and legs, hearts, kidneys and livers that could be sold. While it is legal to donate fetal "tissue" for research, it is illegal to sell those parts for profit.

While many pro-lifers suspected Planned Parenthood has been doing this (and other illegal activities), seeing it on tape has been heart-breaking.

But for pro-choicers, or even more liberal pro-lifers, who saw the videos or read the headlines, their first reaction could be to defend Planned Parenthood and recite the talking point that Planned Parenthood services are mostly contraception, cancer screenings and well-women health exams – and only 3% of services are abortion.

Others sit back and say that while the videos are gruesome and grisly, Planned Parenthood has done nothing wrong and that they've followed the law.

Need some help replying to the pro-abortion arguments in favor of Planned Parenthood? We've got the answers.

**Pro-abortion argument:** *Abortions only constitute 3% of Planned Parenthood's overall services.*

**Pro-life response:** This is a manipulation of the numbers. If a pregnant woman walks into Planned Parenthood, there is a 94% she will walk out of there without her child because of abortion. Planned Parenthood counts every service individually so if a woman goes in for abortion, the contraception she is

given counts as one service, the exam another service, the anesthesia another service, etc. (*CRTLEF So while abortions are only 3% of their "services" it is definitely not only 3% of their revenue stream.*)

**Pro-abortion argument:** *These videos don't prove that Planned Parenthood has broken any laws. Fetal tissue donation is perfectly legal and Planned Parenthood said they never made a profit and that the only costs involved were those of reimbursing Planned Parenthood for transportation costs.*

**Pro-life response:** Dr. Mary Gatter, one of the doctors in the videos, haggles over the costs of baby body parts. Dr. Deborah Nucatola, the abortionist in the first video, suggests a price of \$30-\$100 per specimen. And Melissa Farrell, the Director of Research at Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast, told the undercover

investigators that it's her department – which sells fetal specimens – that adds significantly to the bottom line. Abby Johnson, former Planned Parenthood director in Texas, said in a hearing on Planned Parenthood at the Texas Senate, that Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast made up to \$120,000 a year selling fetal baby

body parts. Planned Parenthood double dips when it comes to selling abortions and baby body parts, charging the woman for the abortion procedure and the "fetal tissue procurement company" for the extraction and transportation.

**Pro-abortion argument:** *Planned Parenthood is a caring organization that is only trying to help women in difficult situations. Pro-lifers should just recognize that they are here to help women and back off.*

**Pro-life response:** Planned Parenthood's bottom line is about making money. While they purport to care about women, they only look at them as dollar signs. Carol Everett, former abortion clinic owner, said that every woman who comes through the doors of an abortion clinic has a dollar amount attached to her. Planned Parenthood pushes abortion on women, only referring out one adoption for every 174 abortions. Then, when it comes time for an abortion, Planned

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Parenthood double dips by taking money from the mother to abort her baby and then taking money from the fetal tissue research companies who want the baby parts.

And that's not all. Planned Parenthood puts women at higher risk of complications by altering the abortion procedure in order to procure the necessary organs of the baby intact, which will then be sold. This is discussed at length by Planned Parenthood executives in the undercover videos. This is not only harmful but it's illegal because they use partial-birth abortion to harvest the organs. Partial-birth abortion is banned in the United States.

Planned Parenthood abortionists are aware that a particular baby will be sold for his or her parts while the abortion is being performed is a violation of HHS regulations. The executives discuss training doctors to get better organs and in one video the executive says that the doctors performing the abortion are using the organs they harvest in their own research.

Florida has already discovered that four Planned Parenthood facilities have been caught breaking the law and doing abortions later than the law allows. Several other states have already launched investigations into Planned Parenthood.

**Pro-abortion argument:** *The fetuses were going to die anyway so we might as well use their tissue for life-saving work in medical research.*

**Pro-life response:** There is no proof that substitute claims that using the body parts of aborted babies has resulted in any life-saving cures. Last year, the National Institutes of Health spent \$76 million on this research and has produced nothing of significant value. Other therapies have proved more effective – like taking tissue from the umbilical cord or adult stem cells – that do not involve the taking of human life.

**Pro-abortion argument:** *The later-term abortions that Planned Parenthood did in order to harvest the fetal tissue post no threats to the woman.*

**Pro-life response:** Late-term abortions, those done in the second and third trimesters mostly by dilatation and evacuation (D&E) or dilation and extraction are not only gruesome and obviously fatal to the baby but are riddled with complications for the woman. Complications - such as hemorrhaging, infections, organ damage, and incomplete abortions increase the further along the woman is when the abortion is done.

For subsequent pregnancies, later-term abortions put the woman at risk of placenta previa and pre-term birth.

But there's more – the undercover videos show all the abortionists indicating that the abortion procedure is changed in order to harvest organs “intact”, which fetch higher prices. This is not only harmful to women Dr. Deborah Nucatola talked about delivering a baby in the breech position in order to get the right organs – which opens up the woman to complications, but it's also illegal:

The 1993 National Institutes of Health Revitalization Act states that human fetal tissue may be obtained from an abortion only if “no alteration of the timing, method or procedures used to terminate the pregnancy was made solely for the purposes of obtaining the tissue” and the “abortion was performed in accordance with applicable state law.” Some states have similar rules, too.

Even the Washington Post has noted this issue, although predictably hedged: “Buying and selling human fetal tissue is illegal in the United States. Federal regulations also prohibit anyone from altering the timing or method of an abortion for the sole purpose of later using the tissue in research. Donating the tissue for research, however, is legal with a woman's consent.”

These abortions have to be done often by a grisly procedure that was outlawed in the 1990s – partial-birth abortion:

Finally, there is evidence in the videos that Planned Parenthood doctors may be violating the ban against partial-birth abortions by using abortion procedures intended to get around the ban. Per 18 U.S.C. §1531, partial-birth abortions (which really amount to infanticide) are prohibited except when they are “necessary to save the life of a mother whose life is endangered by a physical disorder, physical illness, or physical injury.” This is a criminal statute that can subject an abortion doctor to two years in prison. For this statute, there is also more than sufficient evidence in the videos to justify opening a criminal investigation.

For the entire article: <http://studentsforlife.org/how-to-answer-planned-parenthood-supporters/>

To view the videos: <http://www.centerformedicalprogress.org/>

## **New fetal-cell lines being introduced for vaccine production**

Chinese medical researchers have produced a new cell line from aborted babies to be used in the production of vaccines.

The new cell line, Walvax-2, was developed from lung tissues taken from a female baby. Doctors who developed the line say that the abortion was performed using special methods to delay the death of the baby, so that the organs would be healthy and available for harvesting.

Walvax-2 cells replicate more efficiently than the MRC-5 cell lines that are currently being used in vaccines, according to the Chinese researchers. The development of the new cell line undermines the argument, often advanced by proponents of mandatory vaccination, that no new abortions will be required for vaccines, since the existing cell lines, produced by abortions in the past, can be used indefinitely.

“This is exactly what we have been saying for years,” said Debi Vinnedge of Children of God for Life, a group that has protested the routine use of fetal cell lines in vaccines. “The pharmaceutical industry is not going to change their use of aborted fetal cells when they have tacit approval from our moral and medical leaders.”

### **Library Corner**

*With Christmas less than three months away, it's time to start considering that special book for special members of your family. This month's selection would be especially appropriate for a big brother or big sister preparing for the new arrival.*

### **Angel in the Waters by Regina Doman**

In its Mommy's womb, a tiny baby grows, explores the surrounding waters, and talks with his angel. This book recounts the story of a pre-born baby's life, the moment of birth, and a bit beyond.

The gentle illustrations and wise words tell the story of a conversation between the baby and the “angel in the waters” . . . This is a story that delights all children,

because the journey from conception to birth is their story, too.

At one point the angel explains that beyond the "outside world" there is an "even bigger world" that the angel will lead the child onto someday, thus touching on another “life transition,” making this book also useful for explaining to children the passing of a loved one. This part reminded me of the poem of St. Francis "It is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

### **Around the Office**

Cecelia Cody, Administrative Director

As reported in our last newsletter Saturday August 22<sup>nd</sup> was the “National Protest of Planned Parenthood.” Over 350 rallies were held nationwide with an estimated 78,600 participants; the Concord California event alone drew almost 300 people. Many folks made their own signs; and to date the best “rally sign” seen is “Apparently a Lamborghini really costs an arm and a leg.” If you have seen a creative or catchy sign, let us know and we will include it in a future newsletter.

Our youth volunteers continue to be “on the move” doing freeway overpass banners to publicize the sickening undercover videos of Planned Parenthood abortionists and medical staff. They also help at ongoing information tables for life and tables on the quad at their schools. Your donations provide the materials we distribute at all these venues.

Governor Brown recently called a special session of the state legislature, the purpose of which was to address the escalating costs of health care. Assemblywoman Eggman took the opportunity to submit a piece of legislation AB2X-15 that would legalize Physician Assisted Suicide in California. But you say there is already a bill SB-128 debated and voted on in the regular session which we reported about last month, that was currently stalled in the Assembly Health Committee. Yes you are correct, good memory! As of this writing there are two bills, one SB-128 from the regular session, and now AB2X-15 (the 2X designating it is legislation from the special session.) As of this writing AB15-2X has passed both the Assembly and Senate during the special session and is now on the Governor's desk awaiting action (we hope his veto.) Contact our office at [callife@calright2life.org](mailto:callife@calright2life.org) for the latest update and what you can do to try and stop this dangerous piece of legislation.

## *Calendar of Events*

*For the latest updates of events see  
[www.calendarforlife.org](http://www.calendarforlife.org)*

**40-DAYS FOR LIFE** – Sept. 23-Nov. 1, 2015

Over 300 cities participating, where is the location near you? See: <http://40daysforlife.com/> for a location near you. “Could you not watch with me one Hour?”

**LIFE CHAIN** – October 4, 2014 in most locations.

For a location nearest you see: <http://lifechain.net/>

Do we have your e-mail address? Sometimes there are late breaking opportunities, and we send out an e-blast. If we don't have a current e-mail for you, you may be missing out on some great opportunities.

**Do you know someone who might be considering abortion?**

**Make sure they get the facts first!**

**A LIFE depends on it...**

**1-800-712-HELP (4357)**

**Website: <http://www.optionline.org/>**

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