



MISSOURI LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES INVESTIGATE PLANNED PARENTHOOD

~ Susan Klein
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No procedures in place in Missouri to prevent sale of aborted babies' bodies and organs

As of September 27, the Center for Medical Progress has released 10 videos providing evidence of Planned Parenthood's involvement in harvesting and selling organs and tissue from aborted babies. Each video is more disturbing than the one before.

In the first video released in July, Planned Parenthood in St. Louis was mentioned as a possible source for fetal tissue and organs for research. This video and those that followed caused the Missouri House and Senate to form investigative committees to explore the possibility that Planned Parenthood in St. Louis was participating in these activities. The investigative committees to date have determined that:

1. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services does not know what happens to the baby body parts once they are sent to a pathology lab after an abortion.
2. The Pathology lab reports are closed records.
3. The University of Missouri-Columbia has had education contracts with Planned Parenthood for 26 years. It recently cancelled all but two of these contracts.
4. The two contracts not cancelled as of the last Senate committee hearing were the "refer and follow" privileges for the abortionist at Columbia Planned Parenthood and the training opportunities for university students in the social work program at Planned Parenthoods.
5. Assistant Director of Social Services and the Director of MoHealthnet both testified that the Federally Qualified Health Care Centers and state-funded Rural Health Clinics would be able to give quality health care to women with a broader range of services if Planned Parenthood was not funded with our federal tax dollars.

State-funded University of Missouri-Columbia Medical Center Offering Privileges to Abortionist

The Planned Parenthood facility in Columbia ceased to offer abortions approximately three years ago due to the lack of an abortionist and subsequently lost their state license to perform abortions. In July they announced that they had been re-licensed and would be restarting abortions in August. Pro-lifers questioned how this was possible given the laws that have been passed in the last 12 years.

The Senate Committee expanded its investigation of the harvesting of baby body parts and organs to also include questions about the re-licensing of the Columbia facility.

Action Requested of the Missouri Legislature

With the 2016 Legislative Session on the horizon, Missouri Right to Life urges passage of the following important pro-life legislation:

* Ban Dismemberment Abortions in which living unborn children are aborted by a procedure in which forceps are used to pull the baby out of the womb in pieces. This procedure is used in 95% of second trimester abortions nation-wide.

* Redirect federal funding of family-planning dollars to qualified health centers and state rural health agencies to ensure that tax dollars are going to agencies that uphold state laws and that women receive quality health care.

* Abortion clinic inspection bill that includes the following:

1. Require at least one annual on-site inspection of abortion facilities.
2. Require an accounting report for the disposition of all tissue from aborted babies.
3. Require an accounting to the state from any agency contracted with Planned Parenthood as to the disposition of aborted baby bodies/parts or tissue received from Planned Parenthood.
4. Prevent state-funded agencies and universities involved in research from receiving or purchasing aborted baby body, body parts, or fetal tissue from aborted babies from any source in or out of state.
5. Specifically define "clinical privileges" so that any state agency or any institution receiving state monies can clearly understand the restrictions of the law.
6. Increase penalty for selling or buying aborted baby bodies/body parts and include jurisdiction for the attorney general to prosecute.

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MISSOURI HOUSE AND SENATE COMMITTEES (CONT.)

The Senate investigation centered on three different state laws: 188.080 (RSMO) requiring that anyone who performs abortions have hospital privileges within 30 miles of the abortion facility; 188.210 (RSMO) which prohibits public employees and institutions from performing or promoting abortions; 197.200 which requires that abortion facilities meet the requirements for Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

During the investigation it was discovered that the state-funded University of Missouri-Columbia offered “refer and follow” privileges to abortionist Colleen McNicholas. The Missouri Department of Health and Human Services used this “refer and follow” privilege as a basis for issuing a license to Planned Parenthood in Columbia to perform abortions. According to Senators Kurt Schaeffer and Bob Onder, the “refer and follow” privilege does not meet the requirements of 188.080. Also at issue was the involvement of employees of the University of Missouri-Columbia working to obtain hospital privileges for abortionist Colleen McNicholas. At the investigative hearing senators questioned if adequate constructive changes had been made to the Planned Parenthood facility to satisfy the requirements of an Ambulatory Surgical Center.



10 honest challenges from the abortion industry

What is the one thing we received from Planned Parenthood and the abortion industry in the videos that we haven't received since their release? Honesty.

They were honest in the videos about what they do, how they do it, and why it is okay.

They openly (and even casually) discussed the legality, procedures, and process of selling baby parts for money.

David Daleiden, the lead investigator [for Center for Medical Progress] behind the videos, said the videos gave a microphone to the abortion industry about what they do.

Planned Parenthood is not naïve about the gruesome reality of abortion.

The reason the Center for Medical Progress released the full-length version of the videos was because the abortion industry was not hiding anything from them. They were being quite honest.

The abortion industry's comfort level with abortion and the selling of baby parts should disturb our comfort level.

Here are 10 honest quotes that should get us praying and working to end abortion:

- “It’s a baby.” - Dr. Savita Ginde, Vice President and Medical Director, Planned Parenthood Rocky Mountains (Video 4)

- “Why don’t you start by telling me what are you used to paying?” - Dr. Mary Gatter, President of the Planned Parenthood Medical Directors’ Council (Video 2)

- “I know I’ve seen livers, I’ve seen stomachs, I’ve seen plenty of neural tissue. Usually you can see the whole brain come out.” - Dr. Savita Ginde, Vice President and Medi-

cal Director, Planned Parenthood Rocky Mountains (Video 4)

- “So do people want brain? What do they do with brain? Do people do stuff with eyeballs?” - Dr. Savita Ginde, Vice President and Medical Director, Planned Parenthood Rocky Mountains (Video 4)

- “A company like this that wants to give our organization money for the tissue, I think that’s a valid exchange and that’s ok.” - Vanessa Russo, Compliance Program Administrator, Planned Parenthood Keystone

- “And another boy!” - Planned Parenthood Medical Assistant (Video 4)

- “She gave me the scissors and told me that I have to cut down the middle of the face, and can’t even describe what that feels like.” - Holly O’Donnell, former procurement technician, Stem Express (video 7)

- “There are times when after the procedure is done that the heart is still beating.” - Dr. Ben Van Handel, Executive Director, Novogenix Laboratories (Video 7)

- “My department contributes so much to the bottom line of our organization here.” - Melissa Farrell, Director of Research, Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast (Video 5)

- “Obviously, we would have the potential for a huge P.R. issue by doing this.” - Dr. Carolyn Westhoff, Senior Medical Advisor, Planned Parenthood Federation of America

Dr. Westhoff is right and now the P.R. disaster for Planned Parenthood is in full swing. The abortion industry’s honesty in these videos has indeed been a microphone to the world.

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~ Thomas Carlyle



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From the President ~

Oh, the joy!

There is great joy in seeing your children born. Holding that tiny baby in your arms and wiping away the tears of overwhelming joy is indescribable.

And then we are treated to it all over again with our grandchildren. Only this time the tears are not just tears of joy, but tears of thanks that we get all of the fun with these little ones and none of the responsibility! Life is great!

And as I reflect on the awesome gift of being a Mom, Dad, Grandmother, or a Grandfather, I get teary-eyed again. This time in gratitude to God for my four children and seven grandchildren. What have I done to deserve such incredible joy? I thank God every day.

I have a son and daughter-in-law who are frustrated that, after 15 months of marriage, they are not parents yet. "In God's time" is our prayer. They yearn for that joy.

Then I think of the Mother and Father who chose abortion. The giggling of that precious little child will be lost forever. The joy that my son and daughter-in-law are seeking is also lost on these parents. It is replaced by a dark, distorted effort to pretend that their child is not really a child but just a "product of conception." These parents will not only be deprived of the joy of that child, but they will be subjected to the guilt and sorrow of knowing deep-down that what they did was horrible. There is no joy here.

And now, with the explosive Planned Parenthood videos being released, those parents are seeing that not only was their child more than a "clump of cells," but their child may have been dissected and sold on the open market. And the darkness deepens.

What of the abortion industry workers? Do you think they go home at night with joy in their hearts? Is there joy in that Planned Parenthood building in St. Louis, or Columbia ... or wherever? The obvious answer is no.

And that brings us to what we do at Missouri Right to Life. We try to save innocent children from a horrific death. We try to save parents from a lifetime of regret. We try to save abortion workers from the darkness that surrounds them every day. We strive to bring joy into the lives of these misguided souls. The same joy that we have experienced through our children and grandchildren. And you can help.

Please pray fervently that these people will experience God's forgiveness, healing, and love. Thank God for your joy, and spread that joy everywhere you go!

That is what Missouri Right to Life does.



Steve Rupp

God bless!

Steve Rupp

Pro-lifers introducing plethora of protective laws in Congress

Editor's note: With the activity in the U.S. Congress on many pro-life issues, this editorial published in the September NRL News, illuminates what is, hopefully, the waking of a sleeping giant. Let us hope that our pro-life allies in Congress continue to courageously lead and that those who support the death-dealing abortion industry will have a change of heart and abandon their support of this evil that walks our land.

While I'm 200% aware we still have plenty of challenges ahead, it's impossible not to be excited about the flurry of activity that is taking place in our nation's capitol.

Take yesterday [Sept. 22]. After debating the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act on Monday, on Tuesday a majority of the U.S. Senate voted to advance H.R. 36, but on a near party-line vote, a minority blocked consideration of the bill. That is unfortunate, but thanks to what's taken place, particularly over the last week, there is an increased clarity to the debate over just how far Democrats are willing to go to protect the Abortion Industry.

In a word, there appears to be no limit. None.

Let's begin with the issue of banning abortions on babies capable of experiencing excruciating pain during an abortion. Since pro-abortion Hillary Clinton remains the frontrunner for her party's presidential nomination, what she said Sunday [Sept. 20] in an interview on CBS's Face the Nation is very much worth noting.

Asked by host John Dickerson, "Do you support a federal limit on abortion at any stage of pregnancy?" ("Any.")

Clinton responded with pseudo-concern, evasion, and misstatements. "This is one of those really painful questions that people raise. And, obviously, it's really emotional. I think that the kind of late-term abortions that take place are because of medical necessity. And, therefore, I would hate to see the government interfering with that decision. I think that, again, this gets back to whether you respect a woman's right to choose or not. And I think that is what this whole argument once again is about."

At NRL News and NRL News Today, we've discussed for decades the canard that "late-term abortions that take place are because of medical necessity." The

Weekly Standard's John McCormack has also done some of the finest work on this.

In a piece that ran Monday [Sept. 21], McCormack patiently pointed out that some abortionists, like LeRoy Carhart, openly say they will perform "purely elective abortions" 28 weeks into pregnancy. Another study, by pro-abortionists no less, looked at 200 women who had abortions after 20 weeks for non-medical reasons.

McCormack explained that according to Michelle Goldberg, writing in the *Daily Beast*, "[T]wo thirds of them were delayed while they tried to raise money to pay for a termination. Twelve percent were teenagers, some of whom went months without realizing they were pregnant."

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McCormack added, "The fact that one professor could find a sample of 200 women who had late-term abortions for 'nonmedical reasons' indicates that the total number of elective late-term abortions is quite large."

McCormack offered further evidence, as could we, including the impact of sloppy or non-existent state records, but the point does not need to be belabored. There are an untold number of late abortions performed for nonmedical reasons, surely in the thousands, at a minimum.

But there is much more that is raising pro-life hopes and pro-abortion fears.

Last Friday [Sept. 18], the House of Representatives passed two important bills -- one to extend federal legal protection to babies who are born alive during abortions, and another to suspend all federal funding to affiliates of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

Add to that another protective bill. The Dismemberment Abortion Ban Act was introduced in the House September 16 by Congressman Chris Smith (R-N.J.), co-chairman of the House Pro-Life Caucus, with Vicki Hartzler (R-Mo.), Virginia Foxx (R-N.C.), and Trent Franks (R-Az.) as original cosponsors. ...

The bill defines "dismemberment abortion" as "knowingly dismembering a living unborn child and extracting such unborn child one piece at a time from the uterus through the use of clamps, grasping forceps, tongs, scissors or similar instruments that, through the convergence of two rigid levers, slice, crush or grasp a portion of the unborn child's body in order to cut or rip it off. ..."

This definition largely overlaps with what those in the abortion trade currently refer to as "dilation and evacuation" or "dilation and extraction" (D&E) abortions. The method is commonly used starting at about 14 weeks of pregnancy, and extending into the third trimester.

We posted last week [Sept. 17] about the President's promise to veto the

Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act because he thinks the bill "would likely have a chilling effect" on access to late abortions. What Mr. Obama is promising to do is to shield abortionists who kill a baby who is born alive during an abortion, either through overt acts of violence or gross neglect. This is astonishing, no lesser word will do.

But, regardless of what Mr. Obama and his fellow pro-abortionists in the House and in the Senate want, pro-lifers believe there is an irresistible awakening taking place. It is gathering speed, accelerated by the attention the dismemberment abortion bills are gathering and the pit-of-the-stomach revulsion to the scandalously dehumanizing language of assorted Planned Parenthood officials captured in undercover videos released by the Center for Medical Progress.

And as the public learns more about elected officials who would allow abortionists to kill babies who survive abortions and who are wedded to the idea there is no better use of your tax dollars than filling up PPEA's coffers, the campaign will pick up even more momentum.

Know Your Facts About Ventilators And CPR

Each patient's illness and treatment options are different. The physician's duty is to discuss with the patient and/or their healthcare agent any medical means under consideration to improve the patient's condition and/or preserve their life. This professional obligation includes a discussion of the benefits, risks, and costs of a treatment. It is only through an adequate understanding of the benefits and burdens of a particular treatment that the patient or agent is able to make a judicious decision about whether its use is morally obligatory or optional.

The patient may forgo a treatment that is minimally effective, too burdensome, or excessively costly (i.e., it will impoverish the patient's family) so long as he does not intend to hasten his own death.

Physicians and other healthcare workers have no right to an opinion about the quality or value of a patient's life. Furthermore, the decision to accept or forgo a treatment belongs only to the patient or agent, and not to the physician or healthcare team.

When in doubt, a medical intervention can be tried with the option of stopping it if it proves ineffective or excessively burdensome for the patient. This approach to medical decision-making applies when assessing most treatments, e.g., dialysis, chemotherapy, radiation therapy, etc.¹

Ventilators and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) are two treatments about which many people have questions.

The Ventilator

A ventilator is a machine often used to provide breathing assistance and allow a patient's lungs to rest until he is able to breathe on his own again. In most cases, a ventilator is short term help, as is the case with severe pneumonia. For patients with lung cancer, ventilator use often reduces the need for morphine and/or sedation in their final hours.

In less common circumstances (e.g., spinal cord injuries or Lou Gehrig's disease), a ventilator is used for longer periods of time. If a ventilator is needed long-term to sustain life, there are portable ones. Many people live at home and go to work with ventilators to assist their breathing.

Not all machines that assist breathing require intubation (insertion of a tube into the windpipe). Non-invasive positive-pressure ventilation (NPPV) -- a face mask with pressure pushing oxygen into the lungs -- is now frequently used. Patients with chronic or acute respiratory failure have shown improved lung function and sleep quality with NPPV.

¹ This approach to medical decision making does not apply to artificially-provided nutrition and hydration, which is ordinary care and, therefore, not optional.

CPR and DNR

CPR may save a person's life when his heart stops beating and/or his breathing stops. However, the sicker a patient is, the less likely it is that CPR will significantly benefit him. Therefore, it is fair for a patient or agent to ask a physician about the effectiveness of CPR for patients in their condition.

A Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) order means that, in the event of a cardiac arrest (the moment the patient's heart stops and their breathing becomes impaired), the patient will not have chest compressions, electrical shock to the heart, resuscitative drugs, intubation, or mechanical ventilation.

Be wary. A DNR order may be misinterpreted. There is a tendency to reduce other kinds of treatment when a patient has a DNR. **Therefore, it is important for the patient (or agent) to state clearly to the physician that his refusal of CPR does not limit or eliminate any other form of therapy.**

Recommended reading: *Life, Life Support, and Death: Principles, Guidelines, Policies and Procedures for Making Decisions to Protect and Preserve Life* - Paul A. Byrne, MD, FAAP; William F. Colliton, Jr., MD, FACOG; Joseph C. Evers, MD, FAAP; Timothy R. Fangman, MD, FACC; Ralph J. Kramper, MD, FFAFP; Jerome L'Ecuyer, MD, FAAR; Rev. George M. Rincowski; Frank G. Simon, MD; Richard G. Nilges, MD, FACS; Jerome T.Y. Shen, MD, FAAP; Walt F. Weaver, MS, MD, FACC; with Mary Sadick, JD (Available from American Life League, P.O. Box 1350, Stafford, VA 22555, phone 540.659.4171)

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- Oct. 29 **Western Region Stand Up For Life Banquet** - Featuring Speaker Dr. Alveda King. Reception 6:00 p.m., Banquet 7:00 p.m. Adam's Mark Hotel, 9103 E. 39th Street, Kansas City, MO. Information and/or reservations at 816.353.4113.
- Sept. 23 - **40 Days for Life Fall Campaign** -
Nov. 1 Columbia, Overland Park, St. Louis
- Nov. 14 **Missouri Right to Life ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING and Statewide Education and Leadership Forum** - All are welcome! Immaculate Conception Parish, Pleus Hall, 1206 E. McCarty, Jefferson City, 10:00 a.m. Lunch provided with free-will offering.
- Feb. 9 & **MO Right to Life Lobby Days** -
Apr. 5, 2016 Plan to be there!

Wise Pro-Life Giving

Concern has been raised by some Missouri Right to Life members about the legitimacy of groups soliciting donations from pro-life people. This concern is well-founded. In any social or political activist movement, there are those who see "godliness as a means of gain."

There are many sincere, dedicated pro-life organizations. Missouri Right to Life and National Right to Life are, of course, two. And MRL has many sister organizations that meet needs and fill niches of service.

Yet there are some whose motives may be questioned.

MRL's members related receiving calls from a supposed pro-life group of which they were very skeptical. While MRL cannot publish a list of questionable organizations, we do have suggestions to determine the legitimacy of any group.

A good rule of thumb is to do some investigating. As one member discovered, an internet search revealed red flags. When you receive calls from a group with whom you are unfamiliar, ask about their mission and request an information packet on the organization before you donate. While this requires work on their part, any legitimate group will comply. They have nothing to hide!

MRL's desire is to see that your donations go to the cause for which you intend. There is much work to be done and many good organizations doing it.

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