



The Real Planned Parenthood: Leading the Culture of Death

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Key Points

Planned Parenthood is the primary supplier of abortions in the United States, accounting for approximately 56 percent of all abortions.

Planned Parenthood's FY 2020 average of 1,050 abortions per day is the highest of any point in its history.

Although abortions committed by Planned Parenthood are at an all-time high, actual health services (such as cancer screenings, breast exams, and prenatal services) are decreasing.

Planned Parenthood's total revenue for FY 2020 was \$1.714 billion, the highest in its history. Thirty-seven percent of that revenue (\$633.4. million) came from U.S. taxpayers.

In September 2022, Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) released its annual report for 2020-21, or Fiscal Year (FY) 2020. Despite its efforts year after year to style itself as a leader in providing life-giving health care, PPFA is in actuality a leader in promoting a culture of death.

An Increase in Abortions

Planned Parenthood is committing more abortions now than at any other point in its history. According to PPFA's new annual report, it committed 383,460 abortions in FY 2020, an average of 1,050 per day.¹

Here are Planned Parenthood's reported abortion totals from FY 2020 and the previous five fiscal years. Note that the number has risen every year except for FY 2016:

- FY 2015: 328,348
- FY 2016: 321,384
- FY 2017: 332,757
- FY 2018: 345,672
- FY 2019: 354,871
- FY 2020: 383,460²

A U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report dated November 2021 states that 629,898 abortions were reported to the federal government in 2019.³ In FY 2019, Planned Parenthood committed 354,871 abortions.⁴ This means PPFA accounted for approximately 56 percent of all U.S. abortions reported in 2019, making it America's largest abortion supplier.

All of the abortions PPFA reported from 1994 to 2020 add up to over 7.4 million abortions (7,442,666).⁵

A Decrease in Services

While abortions committed by Planned Parenthood are at an all-time high, patients and non-abortion services are decreasing. PPFA reported 2.16 million patients in FY 2020, a decrease of 240,000 from 2019.⁶

Cancer Screenings

From 2009 to 2020, cancer screening and prevention programs have consistently decreased by 77 percent: 1,830,811 (2009) to 416,956 (2020). From 2009 to 2020, breast exams have consistently decreased by 79.1 percent: 830,312 (2009) to 173,653 (2020).⁷ This is an 84 percent drop from a high of 1,086,654 in FY 2000.⁸ In FY 2015, for the first time in Planned Parenthood's history, abortions outnumbered basic breast exams.⁹ (Note: These numbers do not include in-house mammograms because PPFA does not provide that service.¹⁰) In a September 2015 House Oversight Committee

meeting, former PPFA president Cecile Richards admitted that Planned Parenthood does not provide mammograms, contradicting her 2011 claims that it did.¹¹

Prenatal Services and Adoption Referrals

From 2009 to 2020, prenatal services have steadily decreased by 78.4 percent: 40,489 (2009) to 8,775 (2020).¹² Planned Parenthood does not disclose what constitutes “prenatal services.”

In FY 2020, Planned Parenthood committed approximately 198 abortions for every adoption referral it made.¹³ From 2018 to 2020, PPFA adoption referrals decreased by 55 percent: 4,279 (2018) to 1,940 (2020).¹⁴ PPFA does not disclose what constitutes an “adoption referral.” In an interview with Live Action president Lila Rose, former Planned Parenthood director Sue Thayer revealed that “adoption referrals” are simply women taking slips of paper with information about adoption:

Rose: Was there a line in the annual report that said, “adoption referrals,” you know, “colon,” and then the amount every year?

Thayer: There is. But they count any time that you check “adoption referral,” meaning that the client said, “I’ll take the information.” But does she follow up on that? Did Planned Parenthood follow up on that? No.¹⁵

Expanded Use of Technology

Telemedicine

In its 2017-18 report, Planned Parenthood first reported telemedicine services as part of its expanding care category.¹⁶ In 2019, all 49 PPFA affiliates (centers that manage multiple facilities in a regional area) had telemedicine services, which may include birth control, STI testing and treatment, hormone

therapy, and more.¹⁷ In its 2020–21 report, Planned Parenthood boasted of 236,407 telehealth appointments at 42 affiliates.¹⁸

Apps

PPDirect

The Planned Parenthood Direct app (PPDirect) has expanded from 11 states in 2017 to 41 states and the District of Columbia.¹⁹ In certain states, consumers can receive contraception prescriptions without consulting a doctor.²⁰ This app could also be used to prescribe chemical abortion drugs should the Biden administration follow through on PPFA’s request to repeal current federal laws requiring in-person dispensing.

Roo

In January 2018, Planned Parenthood launched a chatbot for teens to ask questions about sex and reproductive health. This app is powered by AI with trained responses by Planned Parenthood “and content strategists to provide non-judgmental, science-based information to teens asking questions about all things sexual and reproductive health.”²¹

Interestingly, when a journalist asked, “‘when does life begin,’ ‘does human life begin at conception,’ ‘are fetuses alive,’ and ‘I heard abortion kills babies’—Roo was unable to process any of them and suggested either rephrasing the question or speaking to a live Planned Parenthood worker.” Roo, however, had no trouble answering the question “How do I get birth control without my parents knowing.” Roo also says parental permission is usually unnecessary except in certain states, and Planned Parenthood can help teens “get started on birth control.”²²

In its 2020–21 report, PPFA boasted of 256,285 conversations on Roo.²³

Spot On

Planned Parenthood’s redesigned period and birth control tracking app is available to people 12 and older and connects users to Planned Parenthood resources.²⁴ In 2020, Planned Parenthood made the Spot On app available in Spanish.²⁵

New Categories Since 2015

COVID-19 Vaccinations

Between January and June of 2021, Planned Parenthood facilities administered 13,105 COVID-19 vaccines. The 2020-21 report highlights that these vaccines were part of the bilingual “*Protect. Every. Body.*” campaign, which drew in members of the Latin American community and put forth the image of Planned Parenthood as a healthcare organization.²⁶

In performing COVID-19 vaccines, Planned Parenthood also opened itself up to receiving numerous federal and state grants related to fighting the pandemic. In particular, Planned Parenthood received more than \$80 million in Paycheck Protection Program loans that were illegally obtained due to improper certification by the Small Business Administration.²⁷

Well-Woman Exams and Miscarriage Management

In FY 2015, Planned Parenthood added two new categories to its annual report: “well-woman exams” and “miscarriage care.”

- PPFA reported 226,254 well-woman exams and 2,073 cases of miscarriage care in FY 2015,
- 235,355 well-woman exams and 1,182 cases of miscarriage care in FY 2016,
- 216,722 well-woman exams and 1,731 cases of miscarriage care in FY 2017,
- 213,042 well-woman exams and 2,236 cases of miscarriage care in FY 2018,

- 208,248 well-woman exams and 2,110 cases of miscarriage care in FY 2019, and
- 127,095 well-woman exams and 2,793 cases of miscarriage care in FY 2020.²⁸

At a well-woman exam, Planned Parenthood discusses period irregularities and sexual activities and performs cancer screenings. Some of the questions asked during a well-woman visit include “Have you ever had vaginal, anal, or oral sex?” and “What gender(s) of people do you have sex with, and what kind of sex do you have?” Planned Parenthood recommends that women have their first wellness visit around the age of 13. Its website is unclear about whether girls as young as 13 are asked questions about their sexual activity or given information regarding abortion.²⁹

Former Planned Parenthood director Abby Johnson says that her Planned Parenthood protocol book had an entry called “Miscarriage Management” that was “in preparation for when abortion [was] made illegal.” It gave step-by-step instructions on how to help women with self-abortions. Johnson says:

We would instruct women to take medications and/or vitamins to end their pregnancy. Some of those on the list were Vitamin C, Black or Blue Cohosh, or Misoprostol bought online. We would give them instructions on how much they needed to ingest in order to terminate their pregnancy. We would give them warning signs...signs to help them decide if they needed to go directly to the emergency room. If everything went as planned, they would be instructed to come to our facility for an ultrasound to confirm fetal demise and an MVA (Manual Vacuum Aspiration). This would not technically be considered an abortion since the death of the child had happened outside our facility. Of course, there would also be a fee for this “miscarriage management” service.³⁰

It has been uncovered that the abortion industry instructs women who self-manage their abortions through the use of chemical abortion drugs to lie and present themselves at a hospital as having a miscarriage when complications arise. It is possible that these “miscarriage services” include completing the abortion surgically.³¹

Expanded Chemical Abortion and Abortifacients

Planned Parenthood's 2017-18 report stated that 357 PPFA facilities dispense chemical abortion pills.³² (Note: Planned Parenthood uses the somewhat euphemistic term "medication abortion.") The 2020-21 report does not provide a breakdown of the number of facilities that dispense chemical abortion pills; however, an annual report by the American Life League, which tracks the specifics of Planned Parenthood's abortion activities, reveals that 391 PPFA facilities were dispensing chemical abortion pills as of 2021.³³

Planned Parenthood's 2020-21 report stated that it provided 505,855 "emergency contraception kits" to clients³⁴—a thinly veiled phrase that includes abortifacient pills such as Plan B and ella. Contrary to popular belief, one of the mechanisms of these pills is to prevent a fertilized egg from implanting in the mother's uterus, thus starving the unborn child to death.

The Three (Now Four) Percent Abortion Myth

Planned Parenthood reports its health services data in a manipulated fashion to underemphasize abortion-related services. PPFA likes to tout that abortion only makes up approximately three percent of total services (now four percent as of FY 2020).³⁵ However, it achieves this number by "unbundling" non-abortion services in its reports.³⁶

For example, a pap smear, pregnancy test, birth control packet, and STD testing done in one visit for one person are unbundled and counted as four different services. This method of counting dilutes the numbers, deliberately minimizing Planned Parenthood's abortion activities. In 2011, National Public Radio clarified that the percentage of Planned Parenthood clients who received an abortion (an estimated 10 percent in 2011) would be a more accurate representation of Planned Parenthood's abortion activities than percentage of services rendered.³⁷ *Slate's* Rachael Larimore called the three percent number (which Planned Parenthood touted before the 2020 increase to four percent) the "most meaningless abortion statistic ever [...] to the point of being downright silly."³⁸ *The Washington Post* also called it "misleading" in its Fact Checker section.³⁹

Planned Parenthood's manipulative method of reporting its service numbers also fails to put into perspective that its abortion services accounted for approximately 56 percent of abortions reported to the U.S. government in 2019 (the most recent year with available data).⁴⁰

Planned Parenthood's Abortion Quotas

Planned Parenthood has abortion quotas. Former Planned Parenthood director Sue Thayer stated in an interview that her job required her to be “accountable for how many patients you see, and if you're not seeing enough, why; and you need to have an action plan for [meeting the required number].” She went on to say that every center in Iowa, where she worked, “had a goal for how many abortions they needed to do.”⁴¹

Former Planned Parenthood facility director Abby Johnson received confirmation in 2014 that the Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains gave an award to the Planned Parenthood of Aurora, Colorado, “for exceeding abortion visits in the first half of FY12 compared to first half of FY13.” Johnson said, “Planned Parenthood has responded and has confirmed that, YES, this is an award that was given out by them. And, YES, they will continue to ‘celebrate their progress and they always will.’”⁴²

In January 2019, Planned Parenthood president Leana Wen stated, “our core mission is providing, protecting, and expanding access to abortion and reproductive health care. We will never back down from that fight[.]”⁴³ However, Wen was fired less than a year after being hired as president. In a July 2019 letter addressed to her former colleagues, Wen noted that philosophical differences between her and Planned Parenthood caused her departure:

I came to Planned Parenthood to run a national health care organization and to advocate for the broad range of public health policies that affect our patients' health: ensuring access to quality, affordable health care—which includes the full spectrum of reproductive health care—for all; improving maternal health and the health of women before, during, and after pregnancy; increasing programs for cancer detection and STI/HIV treatment; and calling attention to the

social determinants of health like food insecurity and housing instability that deeply affect people's health and widen rampant disparities. The new Board leadership has determined that the priority of Planned Parenthood moving forward is to double down on abortion rights advocacy.⁴⁴

In a self-authored *New York Times* op-ed, Wen explained, "I was asked to leave for the same reason I was hired: I was changing the direction of Planned Parenthood."⁴⁵

Planned Parenthood's prioritization of abortion over actual health care is further evidenced by its decision to reject millions of dollars in Title X family planning funding rather than comply with the Trump administration's Protect Life Rule,⁴⁶ which prohibited the co-location of federally funded family planning clinics with abortion facilities. This rule was in keeping with the integrity of the original Title X statute that states, "None of the funds appropriated under this title shall be used in programs where abortion is a method of family planning."⁴⁷ As of November 2021, the Biden administration has reinstated Title X funding for abortion.⁴⁸

Taxpayer Funding of Planned Parenthood

Although Planned Parenthood Federation of America holds non-profit status, its total revenue for FY 2020 was \$1.714 billion,⁴⁹ the highest in its history.

The 2020-21 report shows \$919.7 million in unrestricted net assets, funds at Planned Parenthood's disposal should it lose its government funding. For 2020, PPFA's assets increased to over \$2.5 billion.⁵⁰

The report also shows that Planned Parenthood received \$633.4 million in combined federal, state, and local government grants and contracts.⁵¹ Of all funding received by PPFA, 37 percent comes from taxpayers' pockets.⁵²

Historically, Planned Parenthood's annual reports have not provided a breakdown of the amount of federal versus state funds it receives. However, a new 2021 study recently released by the Government

Accountability Office details PPFA's federal funding for fiscal years 2016, 2017, and 2018. This report found that PPFA received a total of \$1.6 billion in federal taxpayer funds in those three years (\$304.49 million through grants or cooperative agreements and \$1.3 billion from Medicare/Medicaid/CHIP). This amounts to an average of \$533.3 million annually.⁵³

Removing the total federal funds reported by the GAO in 2018 leaves just around \$44 million of taxpayer funds in 2018 that can be attributed to state and local governments. Even though the Trump administration made a strong effort to restrict Planned Parenthood's federal funding, it is important to note that state governments, such as Maryland, fund PPFA as well and have historically rushed in to replace any lost federal funding in their bottom line.

Planned Parenthood: A Scandal-Ridden Organization

Selling of Fetal Tissue

Starting in July 2015, the Center for Medical Progress (CMP) released a series of undercover videos taken of meetings with national leaders of Planned Parenthood discussing the sale of organs harvested from aborted babies.⁵⁴

The videos provide evidence of other potentially illegal activities, including possible failure to provide women with informed consent when their baby's organs are being harvested, illegally changing the position of the unborn child to more easily harvest organs, partially delivering the baby to better harvest organs (in violation of the Partial Birth Abortion Act), and possibly even allowing babies to be born alive before harvesting their organs.

The videos prompted investigations into Planned Parenthood by multiple congressional committees and multiple states.⁵⁵ The Select Panel on Infant Lives made 15 criminal and regulatory referrals in December 2016, two of which directly involved PPFA facilities.⁵⁶ Chairman Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) of the Senate Judiciary made seven referrals to the FBI for continued investigation and possible

prosecution for paid fetal tissue practices, including four PPFA facilities.⁵⁷ A letter sent by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) in December 2017 to the Senate Judiciary stated that the DOJ intends to complete a “thorough and comprehensive assessment” of Sen. Grassley’s report.⁵⁸ In June 2019, the Senate Judiciary sent a follow up letter to the DOJ requesting an update on the investigation into the criminal referrals.⁵⁹

Texas used the Center for Medical Progress undercover footage, which has been ruled inadmissible in other courts, as one of its major arguments for defunding Planned Parenthood. The court agreed that the CMP footage, which was forensically reviewed and determined to have not been “deceptively edited,” discredited PPFA’s central arguments against Texas.⁶⁰

The videos shot inside Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast in Texas showed a Planned Parenthood employee explaining how to downplay the sale of fetal tissue, saying it was “just a matter of line items.”⁶¹ Another video featured abortionist Amna Dermish of Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas discussing how she more effectively harvests fetal body parts during abortions.⁶²

After the Trump administration rescinded Obama-era guidance that blocked states from withholding Medicaid funds from entities that committed abortions,⁶³ the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed a lower court injunction that prevented the state of Texas from stripping Medicaid funds from Planned Parenthood in January 2019.⁶⁴ On February 3, 2020, a Texas state district judge issued a temporary restraining order against Texas’ attempt to strip Medicaid funding from Planned Parenthood.⁶⁵ On January 13, 2022, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton announced a lawsuit against Planned Parenthood seeking recovery of \$10 million in payments from the Texas Medicaid program.⁶⁶

Misrepresenting Services Offered

In January 2017, Live Action released video and audio investigations concerning Planned Parenthood’s claims to provide prenatal care. Their videos reveal that less than one percent of the interviewed

facilities actually provide prenatal care. Out of the 97 PPFA facilities Live Action spoke to, only five said they provided prenatal care.⁶⁷

Another video revealed that of the 68 Planned Parenthood facilities that were asked if they do an ultrasound in order to check the baby's health, only three facilities said they did.⁶⁸

Failing to Report Sexual Crimes

Undercover investigations by Live Action suggested that Planned Parenthood had not been reporting statutory rape at a number of its affiliates.⁶⁹ News stories show that these incidents are not isolated. In 2011, seven PPFA affiliates in New Jersey, New York, Virginia, and the District of Columbia were recorded on video being complicit in covering up child prostitution and sex trafficking.⁷⁰

Planned Parenthood of Indiana has been accused of endangering the safety and well-being of minor girls by intentionally circumventing state parental involvement laws and breaking state law by refusing to report statutory rape.⁷¹ Planned Parenthood of Ohio was convicted of not enforcing parental consent laws in the case of a 14-year-old who got pregnant by her soccer coach.⁷² In 2014, an Arizona Planned Parenthood failed to report the rape of a teenage girl; the man responsible subsequently raped 18 other girls.⁷³ The sheriff's office report in this case stated, "The counselor intentionally miscoded the assault as a consensual encounter...the counselor told them that they did not want the hassle of having to report the assault to law enforcement as they were a mandatory reporter."⁷⁴

Supporting Sex-Selective Abortion

"Protect Our Girls," Live Action's 2012 video project highlighting gendercide in America, exposed Planned Parenthood affiliates in Texas, Arizona, New York, Hawaii, and North Carolina as having encouraged women to get sex-selective abortions for unborn girls they did not want.⁷⁵

Mismanaging Finances

In 2013, Alliance Defending Freedom released a report that details federal and state audits of Planned Parenthood affiliates from 1995 to 2010. These audits convey that these individual affiliates were responsible for over \$99 million in waste, abuse, and potential fraud. Examples include giving prescriptions without authorization from a medical practitioner and misusing government funds to over-bill patients for family planning.⁷⁶ Planned Parenthood of California was also accused of overcharging the state and federal governments by \$180 million for birth-control pills, despite internal and external warnings that its billing practices were improper.⁷⁷

Sue Thayer, a former Planned Parenthood director, testified in an October 2015 congressional hearing that she filed a federal False Claims Act complaint against Planned Parenthood alleging that it “filed false claims totaling about \$28 million with Iowa’s Medicaid program for (1) illegally dispensing ‘medically unnecessary’ quantities of oral contraceptive pills and birth control patches to C-Mail Medicaid patients and doing so without a prescription; (2) fraudulently billing the Iowa Medicaid program for abortion-related services; and (3) coercing “donations” from Medicaid patients.”⁷⁸

Political Activity

Planned Parenthood promotes itself as a non-partisan healthcare provider yet has worked to turn out millions of votes and provide substantial financial support to elect pro-abortion candidates to the White House, Congress, and state governments, as it works to weaken and overturn pro-life laws at all levels.⁷⁹ Planned Parenthood Action’s “Take Control: Planned Parenthood Votes” election campaign has used racial justice talking points to target minority voters and demonize pro-life laws after the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*.⁸⁰

In 2012, the two Super PACs associated with Planned Parenthood spent over \$15 million on the 2012 election, including \$8 million on negative ads targeting Mitt Romney.⁸¹ Also in 2012, President Obama proclaimed his support for Planned Parenthood through a YouTube video he made for

Planned Parenthood Action Fund supporters.⁸² In January 2016, the Planned Parenthood Action Fund endorsed Hillary Clinton for U.S. president in the organization's first endorsement of a candidate during a primary race.⁸³ In 2020, Planned Parenthood pledged to spend \$45 million to elect pro-abortion candidates in the 2020 election cycle.⁸⁴

Planned Parenthood, Target Populations, and Eugenics

The founding of Planned Parenthood is directly tied to the eugenics movement that rose to prominence in the early to mid-twentieth century. Adherents of eugenic theory believe society's ills can be traced back primarily to hereditary or genetic causes, not external ones.⁸⁵ Planned Parenthood's founder, Margaret Sanger, embraced eugenic theory and wanted to use birth control to "weed out the unfit" and prevent "the birth of defectives or of those who will become defectives."⁸⁶ Sanger believed in "racial health" and reducing the "ever increasing, unceasingly spawning class of human beings who never should have been born at all."⁸⁷

Although Planned Parenthood has made some recent attempts to distance itself from the eugenic ideals of its founder,⁸⁸ the abortion giant's corporate practices pretty undeniably target minority populations. According to a 2012 study by Life Issues Institute that relied on 2010 U.S. Census data, 79 percent of PPFA's surgical abortion centers were located within walking distance of minority communities.⁸⁹ The Guttmacher Institute notes that minorities account for almost two-thirds (62 percent) of all abortions in the United States,⁹⁰ and black children are aborted at about five times the rate of white children.⁹¹ In a series of sting videos produced by Lila Rose, head of the organization Live Action, it was revealed that as many as seven Planned Parenthood facilities were willing to accept donations earmarked as abortion money according to race.⁹²

In 2021, Planned Parenthood introduced the "Be Seen" campaign to target black and Latino 18 to 29-year-olds. In a press release, Planned Parenthood said that the campaign is intended to show the "values" that it stands for, among which are "racial justice, gun safety, climate change and LGBTQ+ and immigrants' rights."⁹³ The "Be Seen" campaign uses progressive talking points to gain favor with young minority voters—who are also targeted clients.

On Halloween in 2017, Planned Parenthood tweeted from its “Planned Parenthood Black Community” Twitter account that “If you’re a Black woman in America, it’s statistically safer to have an abortion than to carry a pregnancy to term or give birth.” This blunt encouragement of abortion in the black community cannot go unnoticed, let alone the fact that PPFA has a Twitter account dedicated to indoctrinating black women to abort.⁹⁴ PPFA also has a dedicated Twitter account for Latinos to push their abortion agenda.⁹⁵

Planned Parenthood first launched Promotores de Salud (“Health Promoters”) in the early 1990s in Los Angeles to promote abortion among Latino and Spanish-speaking communities. PPFA is continuing to expand the program, which is “modeled on Mexican and Central American adult peer education programs. Promotoras are experts not only in sexual and reproductive health, but in how to reach communities that too often don’t have access to the resources they deserve.”⁹⁶

Planned Parenthood also targets college students: 80 percent of Planned Parenthood locations are located within five miles of a college campus.⁹⁷

Planned Parenthood is also active internationally. In its 2017-18 annual report, Planned Parenthood reported that it had transitioned its global headquarters from New York to Nairobi, Kenya, in July 2017,⁹⁸ no doubt to continue to impose their pro-abortion agenda onto a continent containing many of the poorest countries in the world. Also in 2017, the Trump administration reinstated and expanded the Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance (PLGHA) Policy, formerly known as the Mexico City Policy, which prohibits taxpayer funding to international groups that promote or provide abortions.⁹⁹ Because the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) refused to comply, it was forced to shut down 22 of its programs in sub-Saharan Africa.¹⁰⁰ On January 28, 2021, the Biden administration repealed the PLGHA.¹⁰¹ As a result, Planned Parenthood is once again eligible to receive international aid funds.¹⁰²

In its 2020-21 report, Planned Parenthood detailed how its global branch was responsible for 55 instances of laws, policies, regulations, and public funding initiatives that attacked unborn lives around

the world. The report touted Planned Parenthood's involvement in Ecuador's decriminalization of committing abortions against babies who were conceived through rape.¹⁰³

Planned Parenthood in the Culture

In January 2019, Planned Parenthood publicly celebrated the passage of New York's Reproductive Health Act, which allows abortions up until the day of birth.¹⁰⁴ This extremely permissive abortion law is out of touch with the majority of Americans. According to a January 2020 Marist poll, 70 percent of Americans want to significantly protect life (including 47 percent of those who self-identify as "pro-choice"). Only 21 percent of Americans think abortion should be available to a woman any time during her entire pregnancy.¹⁰⁵

In March 2018, Planned Parenthood Keystone, a Pennsylvania affiliate, tweeted the following:

We need a disney princess who's had an abortion
We need a disney princess who's pro-choice
We need a disney princess who's an undocumented immigrant
We need a disney princess who's actually a union worker
We need a disney princess who's trans

The tweet was later deleted with a clarification statement from the affiliate president, but no apology was issued.¹⁰⁶

Planned Parenthood has publicly supported a social media campaign called #ShoutYourAbortion, which encourages women to proclaim and be proud of the abortions they have had.¹⁰⁷ Abortion ends the life of another human being; therefore, it should never be something to be proud of or glamorize.

In its 2018-19 report, Planned Parenthood highlighted its collaboration with the cast of Hulu's *Handmaid's Tale* to release a PSA "denouncing attacks on reproductive health care, and warning that denying access to safe, legal abortion is both dangerous and deadly."¹⁰⁸

There Are Better Options Than Planned Parenthood

Planned Parenthood has just over 600 health centers.¹⁰⁹ Meanwhile, there are nearly 1,400 federally qualified, low-cost, high-quality healthcare centers operating 13,500 sites.¹¹⁰ They outnumber Planned Parenthood by more than 20 to one nationally. Women have real choices when it comes to health care, and they can find one of these clinics at findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov.

In addition to offering screening and prevention services, pap smears, cancer screenings, breast exams, and prenatal services, these federally qualified health clinics (FQHCs) also offer a full spectrum of other primary care services that Planned Parenthood fails to provide:

- Mammograms
- A variety of immunizations
- Diabetes and glaucoma screenings
- Cholesterol screenings
- Cardiovascular screening blood tests
- Thyroid function tests
- Eye, ear, and dental screenings
- Preventive dental services
- Well-child services
- Medical nutrition services
- Bone mass measurement
- Social worker services
- Mental health services
- Substance abuse services
- Emergency medical services
- And others¹¹¹

FQHCs offered services for more than 30 million patients in 2021.¹¹² That's over 13 times as many patients as Planned Parenthood, which served 2.16 million in FY 2020.¹¹³

If these FQHCs had the half a billion dollars in taxpayer funds that currently go to Planned Parenthood, they could grow and expand their reach. The Trump administration's Protect Life Rule freed up resources to go to FQHCs and pregnancy resource centers. Family Research Council is saddened by the Biden administration's reversal of the Protect Life Rule and looks forward to the day when American taxpayer dollars no longer fund abortion and Planned Parenthood's culture of death, instead promoting a culture of life.

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