



The American Rescue Plan Act

A Partisan Anti-Life, Anti-Family COVID Relief Package

To usher in a new era of “unity,” the Democrat-controlled Congress is pushing a \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief package, the *American Rescue Plan Act*, through the budget reconciliation process. This package is full of partisan policies that would undermine human life and the family.

Appropriates Millions of Dollars Not Subject to the Hyde Amendment

- All four bipartisan COVID-19 relief packages passed in the 116th Congress included the Hyde Amendment. This ensured the funds could not be used to pay for elective abortions or health plans that cover elective abortions.
- The *American Rescue Plan Act* is the largest break from this precedent in 45 years. While Congress did appropriate federal funds through tax credits and reimbursements that subsidize health plans covering abortion as part of Obamacare in 2010, no money that can be used directly for abortions has been appropriated since the Hyde Amendment was passed in 1976.
- The *American Rescue Plan Act* would appropriate more than \$400 billion with no Hyde protections. Therefore, these funds would be eligible to subsidize elective abortions.
- The bill would allocate an additional \$50 million for the Title X Family Planning Program. If President Biden is able to overturn the *Protect Life Rule*, which prohibits Title X funds from going to abortion providers, abortion businesses like Planned Parenthood would be eligible to receive these funds.

Sets Up New Funding for Abortion and Abortion Businesses Abroad

- The *American Rescue Plan Act* breaks with 47 years of congressional precedent by appropriating over \$700 million of global health funds not subject to the Helms Amendment, which prohibits taxpayer funding of abortion abroad.
- According to a [2021 Knights of Columbus](#) poll, 77 percent of Americans oppose taxpayer funding of abortion abroad, including 55 percent of Democrats.
- The bill allocates \$10 billion in foreign affairs funding not subject to the Silander Amendment. This means these funds can be used to lobby for abortion overseas.
- The International Planned Parenthood Federation and Marie Stopes International, two of the largest foreign abortion organizations, could also receive millions of dollars of funding for contraception or HIV/Aids prevention.

Provides a Bailout for Pro-Abortion States

- The *American Rescue Plan Act* contains nearly \$350 billion for state and local governments, without any pro-life protections.
- A state or locality could use the bailout funds to pay for abortions directly—all they would have to do is classify the abortions as part of their pandemic response.
- It rewards large, liberal states (like California, Illinois, and New York) that use state funds to pay for abortions and subsidize Planned Parenthood, despite not having enough money in their budgets to cover pandemic-related expenses.

Creates New Subsidies for Health Plans That Cover Elective Abortion

- The *American Rescue Plan Act* expands the existing Advanceable Premium Tax Credits (APTCs) that help individuals cover the cost of health care purchased on the Obamacare exchange.

- In 2020 alone, the federal government paid out [\\$13 billion](#) worth of APTCs to pay for Obamacare plans that cover elective abortion.
- The bill creates a new subsidy to cover the cost of COBRA health plans of unemployed individuals who choose to remain on their employer-sponsored health plans. This subsidy would cover the full cost of the health care premium, amounting to millions of dollars in subsidies for health plans that cover elective abortion.

Amends the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) to Fund Planned Parenthood

- The *American Rescue Plan Act* would remove the affiliation rule from the PPP. This rule prohibited entities with over 500 employees across their affiliations from applying for PPP loans.
- Planned Parenthood has already received \$67.6 million in PPP loans, despite the affiliation rule rendering it ineligible to receive such loans.
- Members of Congress have called upon the Small Business Administration to repeal Planned Parenthood's PPP funds. If the affiliation rule is removed, Planned Parenthood would not only be able to keep their current PPP funds but also access much more.

At a time when the country is working to recover from the negative health and economic impacts of COVID-19, the pro-abortion majority has decided to cut out pro-life members of Congress from the legislative process. Instead of working to gain large bipartisan support for COVID relief legislation, which was possible just a few short months ago, Democrats are seeking to pass the largest expansion of taxpayer funding of abortion since Obamacare in 2010.