



Do you know you are giving money to Planned Parenthood?

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Defunding Planned Parenthood

Taxpayers of Virginia have been asked to foot the bill for one of the nation's most controversial, and wealthy, pro-abortion organizations.

The Virginia General Assembly has funneled to Planned Parenthood tens of thousands of dollars each year. According to the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, funds amounting to nearly \$300,000 were distributed from the 2003-2004 budget to Planned Parenthood's "education" efforts.

Clearly, Planned Parenthood does not need the money. The Planned Parenthood Federation of America is one of over 90 national affiliates of the International Planned Parenthood Federation (London). **Its 2003-2004 annual report showed total revenue equaling nearly \$1 billion!** Nearly 33 percent of that comes in the form of government grants—taxpayer funding! While private contributions and bequests income dropped 17 percent from 2002-2003, by increasing abortion numbers, raising clinic prices, and persuading politicians to give it a record \$265.2 million in taxpayer funding, Planned Parenthood was able to post its 18th straight year of record total income and ended the year with a stockpile of \$725.3 million in assets. For the 18th year in a row, Planned Parenthood turned a net profit. This year's \$35.2 million brings its total profits over the 18-year period to \$538 million.

What Planned Parenthood does with all that money is most disturbing. Performing abortions is a multi-million dollar business for Planned Parenthood, and its numbers continue to increase, from 230,630 in 2002 to 244,628 in 2003. Conversely, the number of adoption referrals declined from 1,963 in 2002 to 1,774 in 2003. ***That's 138 abortions per adoption referral.*** (In 1997 that rate was 18-1.) Their web site for teens, teenwire.com, is full of sexually explicit information and advice. Their clinics offer minors numerous medical services including pregnancy tests, gynecological exams, birth control, testing and treatment of STDs and more, without parental involvement or permission. Recently, an 18-year-old California girl died after receiving the abortion pill RU-486 at a Planned Parenthood clinic without her parent's knowledge.

For several years, The Family Foundation has worked to strip Planned Parenthood's funding, but efforts have stalled in closed-door subcommittee meetings outside the public eye.

The Family Foundation will continue to make it a priority to strip taxpayer funding for Planned Parenthood. Citizens of the Commonwealth should never have been asked to support such an extreme pro-abortion organization.