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– young and old, infirm and healthy, born and preborn*

Congressman Doug Lamborn Introduces Bill to Ban Transfer of Aborted Baby Parts

Colorado Congressman Doug Lamborn (R-Colo-05) has introduced the [End Trafficking of the Terminated Unborn Act of 2015](#).

Congressman Lamborn explains the motivation for the proposed legislation, *"Our nation has been shocked by the release of recent videos and documents exposing the horrific business of trafficking and profiting off of aborted babies body parts.*

"We have been presented with a moment of great clarity. We can continue to obstruct the truth of this issue and continue down the path of death, destruction, and legal loopholes or we can choose life."

The bill specifically prohibits "any person from soliciting or knowingly acquiring, receiving, or accepting a donation of human fetal tissue for any purpose other than disposal of the tissue if the donation affects interstate commerce and the tissue will be or is obtained pursuant to an induced abortion."

Congressman Lamborn's proposed bill also removes the, "authority for funding research on fetal tissue obtained pursuant to an induced abortion."

However, the bill allows research to continue on fetal tissue that has been obtained a result of a miscarriage or a stillbirth with the consent of the parents.

According to Lamborn, *"My bill will put a stop to the horrifying practice of bartering for aborted babies' body parts. We must stand up and speak out for those who cannot speak out for themselves.*

"By ending this practice of trafficking in death, we can take real and significant steps toward healing the soul of our nation. "

Excerpts: Press Release, Congressman Doug Lamborn (Republican – Colorado District 05), 28 July 2015

BUSTED: Why News Corporations Protect Planned Parenthood

An examination of the organization's surprisingly close ties to major media corporations can help explain why leading disseminators of the news in the U.S. have shown so little interest in the [most recent Planned Parenthood video] controversy.

Some media outlets were so brazen in their support for Planned Parenthood that they were directly listed as donors on the sites of local Planned Parenthood affiliates....

PP donors include the *Washington Post, San Jose Mercury News, Yahoo, and Gannet* (owning *USA Today, Detroit Free Press, Indianapolis Star, Des Moines Register, Tennessean* and many more.)

Media-related foundations that financially support Planned Parenthood include the *New York Times Company Foundation, Bloomberg Philanthropies, the Ford Foundation, and the Rockefeller Foundation.*

Beyond these overt acts of support, however, there lies a far more elaborate network of personal connections, business ties and charitable foundation links between Planned Parenthood and a stunning number of major media outlets, including all four of the major television networks.

With such an extensive network of personal, business and "charitable" ties to Planned Parenthood and its most vocal supporters, is it any wonder that the mainstream media are downplaying the current controversy roiling Planned Parenthood at a time when the largest abortion organization in America is facing what is perhaps its greatest crisis since the Supreme Court's *Roe vs. Wade* ruling legalized abortion across the nation in 1973?

Excerpts: Crisis, Joseph Schaeffer ["Why News Corporations Protect Planned Parenthood..."](#) 12 Aug 2015

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The President's Corner

The undercover videos, illustrating how Planned Parenthood traffics in fetal body parts, from the Center for Medical Progress are shocking but not surprising to most of us in the prolife community.

The surprise, at least to me who has seen such revelations fall on deaf ears in the past, is that these videos seem to be convincing some people to make changes in their thoughts and actions!

At least four states have defunded Planned Parenthood (Alabama, Louisiana, Arkansas¹, and Utah²) with others considering such an action.

The move by the states to defund Planned Parenthood has been sufficient to elicit a threat from the Obama administration that such defunding is a violation of federal law!³

Even some hardcore pro-abortion advocates have publically reconsidered their abortion position after seeing the videos.⁴

The Gosnell trial revelations should have ended abortion in this country. We welcome the Center for Medical Progress' efforts to focus even more light on the darkness of Planned Parenthood with the hope that perhaps this time people will finally end the barbarity of abortion in America.

Matt

¹ Steve Barnes, "[Arkansas governor cuts state contracts](#)" *Reuters.com*, 14 Aug 2015.

² Michael Mcfall, "[Utah gov orders state agencies to stop disbursing federal funds to Planned Parenthood.](#)" *Salt Lake Tribune (sltrib.com)*, 17 Aug 2015.

³ Dr. Susan Berry, "[Obama Administration Threatens States Attempting to Defund Planned Parenthood.](#)" *Breitbart.com*, 14 Aug 2015.

⁴ Ruben Navarrette, Jr "[I Don't Know if I'm Pro-Choice after Planned Parenthood Videos.](#)" *TheDailyBeast.com*, 10 Aug 2015.

Appeals Court Upholds Assisted Suicide Ban

The so-called right-to-die ran into a roadblock in New Mexico, whose court of appeal just ruled that "aid in dying" is not a "fundamental liberty interest."

The case involved Albuquerque consultant Aja Riggs, who is still alive thanks to a remission in her uterine cancer, but who along with two attending doctors won a January 2013 lower court ruling allowing her medical assistance to commit suicide.

The American Civil Liberties Union supported Riggs, while New Mexico's attorney general defended the state's 1963 law...

Riggs' argument was two-fold, that what she wanted was "aid in dying" not "assisted suicide" as prohibited by law, and what's more was a form of "medical treatment," to which she was entitled as a constitutional "privacy" right.

Alex Schadenberg, head of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition rebuts, "Assisted suicide is not a medical treatment."

Excerpts: LifeSiteNews, Steve Weatherbe, "[New Mexico appeals...](#)", 14 Aug 2015

Sorry Folks. Contraception Access Increases Abortions. And Here's the Proof.

Confessions of a former Planned Parenthood Director – Abby Johnson

Here's a statistic from the Guttmacher Institute, Planned Parenthood's research arm. This stat makes Planned Parenthood look terrible, so I can't imagine that this is not accurate. They have absolutely nothing to gain by putting this out there: **"More than half of women obtaining abortions in 2000 (54%) had been using a contraceptive method during the month they became pregnant."**

How is it that abortion supporters understand that birth control does not reduce abortion, yet pro-lifers don't? Birth control was created so that we could separate sex from procreation. How do we not get that, pro-lifers? When you separate the act of sex from babies, of course abortions occur.

Let's look at a quote from Rosalind Pollack Petchesky, famous abortion-supporting feminist: "Until a 'perfect' method of contraception is developed, which will probably never happen, periods of heightened consciousness and extended practice of birth control will inevitably mean a rise in abortions."

Bottom line: Contraception does not reduce abortion.... The great news is that you don't have to use birth control to space your children. Natural Family Planning works and is as effective, and sometimes more effective, than the birth control methods out there.

Excerpts: LifeSiteNews, Abby Johnson, ["Sorry Folks. Contraception Access..."](#) 11 March 2015

StemExpress Cuts Ties with Planned Parenthood

StemExpress, the biomedical company acquiring aborted fetal tissue from Planned Parenthood and then marketing it to research labs, has formally cut ties with the abortion organization.

The decision comes after the release of six videos, exposing Planned Parenthood's practice of harvesting and selling aborted fetal tissue...

Two of the six videos feature former StemExpress technician Holly O'Donnell who describes in graphic detail the process of sorting through dismembered arms and legs of aborted babies. She also claims that StemExpress did not always obtain proper consent from the mothers of the aborted babies to harvest the tissue.

In the wake of the videos, Congress has launched an inquiry, demanding that StemExpress explain its relationship with PP. According to the letter from the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, 10% of StemExpress's \$2.2 million revenue comes from aborted fetal tissue.

The decision comes one day after a Judge Joanne O'Donnell with the Superior Court of California denied a request by StemExpress to access videos and documentation obtained by the Center for Medical Progress (CMP) during its investigation into PP. The judge argued that the injunction would violate CMP's First Amendment rights.

Excerpts: LifeSiteNews, John Jalsevac, ["Stem Express cuts ties"](#) 14 August 2015

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George Soros' *Open Society Institute* - \$18.3 Million

David and Lucile Packard Foundation - \$14.6 Million

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation - \$14.5 Million

Ford Foundation (not associated with Ford Motors) - \$13.5 Million

Vanguard Charitable Endowment Program - \$10 Million

48 donors gave over a \$1 Million!

Excerpts: NewsBusters: ["Planned Parenthood's Top 7 Donors..."](#) Alatheia Larsen 31 July 2015

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Denver Planned Parenthood Doctor Featured in Anti-Abortion Video

In the fourth undercover video released in the "Human Capital" series by the Center for Medical Progress (CMP), the medical director of Planned Parenthood Rocky Mountains (PPRM) discusses organ harvesting and sales of aborted baby parts in Colorado.

Denver-based Medical Director Dr. Savita Ginde discusses the financial advantages of charging per specimen for each part of the baby (heart, liver, thymus, etc.) as opposed to a flat rate.... "I think a per-item thing works a little better, just because we can see how much we can get out of it."

CMP notes that under Federal law 42 U.S. Code 289g-2 commercial sale of human fetal tissue is illegal.

The video also shows Ginde saying that PPRM supplies human fetal tissue for Colorado State University (CSU). CPM also released documentation showing that CSU has done business with StemExpress which procures aborted baby specimens from Planned Parenthood for resale.

In July U.S. Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-Colo-05) wrote CSU President Tony Frank saying he was "shocked by the allegation" that CSU purchased aborted babies' body parts for experimentation. In an interview with 9NEWS, CSU revealed receipts for liver and thymus tissue. CSU President Frank has suspended acquisition of fetal tissue [from StemExpress or other vendors implicated in the PP investigation] pending the outcome of a congressional inquiry.

Congressman Lamborn released a statement that said, "President Frank did indicate that Colorado State University will be taking some positive actions in response to my investigation. ... These steps are definitely headed in the right direction. However, they simply aren't far enough."

Three congressional committees say they will investigate whether Planned Parenthood is selling organs from aborted fetuses.

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