



Planned Parenthood Using Tax Dollars to Sexualize Children for Profit: The Missing Questions Congress Still Needs to Ask!

**Submitted for Congressional Consideration
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While it is well known that Planned Parenthood is one of the largest abortion providers in the world, responsible for the deaths of well over 6 million unborn children since 1970 in the U.S. alone,¹ what is less well known is that they are also the largest U.S. provider² of dangerous “comprehensive sexuality education” programs.³

In fact, sexualizing children is part of Planned Parenthood’s very effective and lucrative⁴ marketing plan. Through the public schools and their clinics, Planned Parenthood exposes children to their highly eroticized materials and permissive sexual ideologies that encourage them to be sexually active. This potentially can make children dependent on the many products and services Planned Parenthood markets to sexually active teens such as sexual counseling, condoms, contraceptives, abortions and STI testing, treatment and care including for HIV/AIDS. In fact, most taxpayers and politicians are completely unaware that Planned Parenthood uses millions of federal and state tax dollars⁵ to try to sexualize children in schools everywhere with their graphic, erotic,⁶ and often-pornographic comprehensive sexuality education programs.⁷

This is a clear conflict of interest because by sexualizing children (instead of encouraging them to be abstinent or to delay sexual debut), Planned Parenthood can turn them into lifelong, paying Planned Parenthood customers, thus generating steady revenue streams for their business.

Below are ten examples (and there are many more) of how Planned Parenthood hooks children on sexual promiscuity, thus, on their services:

- **Planned Parenthood’s sex education programs teach children and teens they have a “right” to sexual pleasure⁸ and that child sexual experimentation and expression is healthy for them.⁹**
- **Planned Parenthood promotes sexualizing children as young as age five, recommending that kindergarteners be taught that they can receive sexual pleasure by touching their body parts (masturbation).¹⁰**

- **Planned Parenthood promotes and condones a variety of dangerous and high-risk sexual acts for teens, including anal and oral sex,**¹¹ as well as dangerous sexual behaviors, such as sadism and masochistic sex, bondage, domination and violent sex involving whipping, choking, gagging and more.¹²
- **Planned Parenthood advocates for the abolishment of parental consent laws, claiming children have “privacy” and “confidentiality” rights** to their sexual information, counseling, and services without the knowledge or consent of parents. They help children access federal funds to pay for their “confidential services” (including for sexual counseling, sterilization and emergency contraception, which act as abortifacients), which is a direct violation of parental rights.¹³
- **Planned Parenthood’s umbrella organization International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) teaches HIV-infected children they do not have to inform their sexual partners if they are infected with the HIV virus,**¹⁴ and then they profit from providing children and youth with expensive HIV testing, treatment and care. Any congressional investigation of IPPF’s U.S. affiliate needs to determine if they hold the same dangerous positions as their parent organization on HIV status disclosure to sexual partners and what they teach children in this regard. If Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) also holds any of these dangerous positions, they should not only be federally defunded, they should be banned from teaching or providing any sex education, teen pregnancy prevention, or HIV-prevention programs in U.S. public schools or programs.
- **Planned Parenthood encourages children to frequent porn sites and adult sex stores** and promotes pornography viewing as normal for teens.¹⁵
- **Planned Parenthood trains young people to become “sexperts” and to advocate for controversial and fabricated “sexual rights,”** including a “right” to sexual pleasure and, regardless of age, to engage in any kind of consensual sex without being stigmatized.
- **Planned Parenthood seeks to discredit and defund all abstinence-based sex education programs and diverts government funding to Planned Parenthood programs instead.** To do this, they point to flawed or misleading studies that purport to show their programs delay sexual debut and prevent teen pregnancy and STIs while abstinence programs don’t.¹⁶
- **Planned Parenthood and their affiliates obtain millions of dollars of federal and state grants to fund their programs** under various banners including for “comprehensive sexuality education” under Obamacare¹⁷ grants for teen pregnancy prevention,¹⁸ family planning, STI prevention, rape and sexual abuse prevention, HIV prevention and more.¹⁹

- **The millions of dollars Planned Parenthood receives from various government agencies and programs helps them attract their future abortion customers, and abortion is a big business for them.**²⁰ They may also be profiting from the sale of fetal body parts from those same abortion customers, which come to them through various government-subsidized family planning or women's health programs.

In light of the above information, the following are suggested questions that Planned Parenthood should be asked during the Congressional investigations:

List of 12 Suggested Questions for Congress to Ask Planned Parenthood

To Planned Parenthood:

Your website states that Planned Parenthood is the largest provider of comprehensive sexuality education in the United States, and your organization receives substantial federal funding for the same. Please answer the following questions in depth and provide excerpts from your sex and/or sexuality education curricula, counseling programs, and your organization's existing policies or guidelines to support your answers wherever possible and also include source citations wherever possible.

1. At what age does Planned Parenthood believe children are mature enough to engage in sexual activities (of any kind), and do you have a position on what should be the legal age of consent for sexual relations for minors? Does Planned Parenthood strongly discourage sexual activity among minors?
2. With regard to parental consent, does Planned Parenthood have a policy on respecting the rights of parents to know about and consent to any materials, education, services, or counseling provided to their minor children on sexual matters, sexuality, or reproductive matters, including abortion?
3. Does Planned Parenthood ever provide sexual counseling, sexuality information or education to minors without prior parental knowledge or consent? If so, under what conditions? Please include your policies regarding the same.
4. Does Planned Parenthood believe HIV-infected youth should be required to inform their potential sexual partners of their status before engaging in sex with them, or do you support International Planned Parenthood Federation's position that it is a violation of international rights for youth to be required to inform their sexual partners of their HIV-positive status? For example, is there anything PPFA does not support in IPPF's *Healthy, Happy, and Hot* publication for HIV-infected youth (please specify), or do you support that publication fully as appropriate information for HIV-positive youth?

5. Does Planned Parenthood believe minors have "sexual rights?" If so, what is the basis of these rights, what do they entail, and what, if any, are the limitations on these claimed rights for minors? Please be specific and provide examples from your publications.

6. When teaching about sexual orientation, does Planned Parenthood teach that homosexuals are "born that way" and that homosexuality is unchangeable? Please provide examples on what you teach regarding the development of homosexuality and whether or not some people can and do change their sexual orientation. Please also specify if Planned Parenthood supports the right of minors to receive voluntary therapy for unwanted same-sex attraction.

7. When addressing gender identity or transgender issues with minors, does Planned Parenthood teach them that individuals can be the gender opposite their biological sex "assigned" to them at birth? Does Planned Parenthood support children in "transitioning" to another gender or receiving hormones or sex reassignment surgery without parental consent? Please provide examples from your policies, curriculum or sexual counseling manuals of your positions in these areas.

8. What does Planned Parenthood teach minors about gender dysphoria or gender identity, cross-dressing and other transgender behaviors? Please also specify how many genders Planned Parenthood recognizes, and provide examples of your educational materials for minors on gender identity issues.

9. What is Planned Parenthood's position on pornography? Is it harmful for youth? At what age (if any age) does Planned Parenthood believe it is healthy for a minor to view pornography?

10. What is Planned Parenthood's position on sadomasochistic, bondage or domination sex for minors or adults? Please provide documentation on any existing guidelines or Planned Parenthood policies on counseling on the above.

11. When teaching minors about condoms, are condom failure rates clearly disclosed, and are minors informed that no study shows that children (or adults) use condoms consistently and effectively every time they have sex even if they plan to do so? Are minors informed that no study shows use of condoms can prevent HPV?

12. Does Planned Parenthood clearly inform youth that abstinence is the only sure way to prevent pregnancy? What is the definition of abstinence according to Planned Parenthood? Is it abstaining from all sexual activities or just abstaining from vaginal intercourse?

¹ According to research done by Jim Sedlack of American Life League, "In 2010, Planned Parenthood did 27 percent of all the abortions in the United States. It has ended the lives of over 6,000,000 human beings in its own facilities since 1970. And, during that same time, it collected over \$6 billion in taxpayer money." See LifeNews.com article, "Planned Parenthood Has Killed More Than Six Million Babies in Abortion" by Steven Ertelt (DEC 13, 2013).

² According to Planned Parenthood's website, "Planned Parenthood is the largest provider of comprehensive sex education in our communities. Each year, Planned Parenthood affiliates reach 1.5 million young people and parents with effective sex education and outreach in programs run by professional educators and youth peer educators." (Source: PlannedParenthoodAction.org)

³ See ComprehensiveSexualityEducation.org for an overview of the comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) agenda and for documentation of the harmful nature of these programs.

⁴ For fiscal year 2013-2014 Planned Parenthood reported receiving more than \$127 million in excess revenue and having more than \$1.4 billion in net assets. Planned Parenthood's U.S. president Cecile Richards is compensated over \$500,000 annually.

⁵ According to LifeNews.com, during fiscal year 2013-2014 alone, Planned Parenthood received more than \$528 million in taxpayer funding, or more than \$1.4 million per day, in the form of government grants, contracts, and Medicaid reimbursements. Taxpayer funding accounts for 41 percent of Planned Parenthood's overall revenue.

⁶ A Planned Parenthood cartoon series called "The G Spot Show" is hosted by two cartoon characters, an animated penis and a vagina. In the episode, "How Pregnancy Happens," the penis and vagina characters use vulgar humor to teach about sexual intercourse and conception, and the penis character gets repeatedly aroused and "leaks" as the vagina character describes the sex act. A copy of this video can be seen at CSEfacts.org in the "CSE Programs Exposed" section. The episode ends with the penis inviting the vagina character over to his place.

⁷ Go to Stopp.org to see "Hooking Kids on Sex II," a short video created by American Life League that uncovers some of the erotic and pornographic sex education materials Planned Parenthood creates, endorses, uses or promotes to sexualize children. WARNING: IT IS GRAPHIC even for adults, let alone for children.

⁸ In their "Exclaim!" publication, International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), the umbrella organization for Planned Parenthood, states "*young people ... are entitled to sexual pleasure and how to experience different forms of sexual pleasure is important for their health and well-being.*" A number of U.S. Planned Parenthood programs promote similar concepts and teach children how to "safely" engage in pleasurable sex acts. For example, see their chapter on "How to Make Condoms Fun and Pleasurable" from Planned Parenthood's "Making Pono Choices" curriculum used in Hawaii.

⁹ Planned Parenthood's publication, "Reducing Teenage Pregnancy," claims there needs to be "a general reassessment of the attitudes and mores regarding adolescent sexuality in the U.S. Presently, an unrealistic emphasis is placed on preventing adolescent sexual behavior, which overlooks the fact that sexual expression is an essential component of healthy human development for individuals of all ages. The majority of the public recognizes this fact — 63 percent of Americans believe that sexual exploration among young people is a natural part of growing up."

¹⁰ Family Watch has a screenshot that can be made available upon request that shows a Planned Parenthood web page stating, "By age 5, children need to know ... that it's normal to touch one's sex organs for sexual pleasure." Planned Parenthood also endorses and supported the creation of "It's Perfectly Normal: Changing Bodies, Growing Up, Sex, and Sexual Health," an illustrated children's book that normalizes homosexual sex and contains graphic illustrations of both male and female children masturbating. Masturbation is encouraged as a normal and desirable behavior. The book shows illustrations of entirely nude men and women having sex and of naked girls and boys in a variety of situations. Planned Parenthood's "Take Care Down There" video series, besides depicting teens exposing their genitals to each other, it also depicts a young teen talking about preferring to date herself and referring to masturbation stating, "Let me do me."

¹¹ Planned Parenthood's website states, "People define 'sex' in different ways. It can include vaginal, oral, and anal sex, and other activities ... Anal sex means penis-in-anus intercourse. A lot of people enjoy anal sex, and lots of people don't like it at all. Either way is perfectly fine." With regard to oral sex, Planned Parenthood's website describes oral sex as "Going down on someone. Eating someone out. Giving someone a blow job. These are all ways that people talk about oral sex — using your mouth to stimulate another person's genitals. Some people like oral sex, and others don't. Some people like giving oral sex but don't like getting it, and some like getting it but not giving it. All of this is totally fine, and it's up to you to decide for yourself what you're comfortable with." Teenhealthsource.com, supported by Planned Parenthood Toronto in Canada, asks, "Is anal play normal?" and then states, "Yes, it is healthy and normal. Many of us are taught that anal play is wrong and that your anus wasn't designed for sexual purposes. Yet, there are thousands of sensitive nerve endings in and around your butt that can give pleasure."

¹² See "Sexed: Dangerous Sex Advice for Kids" (Episodes 1-4) at LiveAction.org. These undercover videos catch Planned Parenthood sex education counselors teaching that kinky, violent and risky sex acts involving whips and other sadomasochistic paraphernalia are completely acceptable and are telling a young girl that it is ok for her boyfriend to harm her or to inflict pain during sex play as long as it is consensual. This alone should disqualify Planned Parenthood from receiving federal tax dollars to teach sex education and is also a good reason for banning Planned Parenthood programs from all U.S. schools.

¹³ Planned Parenthood's publication, "Reducing Teenage Pregnancy," states that "Confidential access to contraceptive services is crucial to preventing teenage pregnancy ... In *Carey v. Population Services International*, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that

minors have a constitutional right to privacy that includes the right to obtain contraceptives (Carey). Title X and Medicaid require that family planning services be provided to adolescents and that minors' confidentiality be protected." Planned Parenthood's New York affiliate's website says their "family planning" program is funded through Medicaid and is thus free. Their family planning webpage states, "This program provides coverage for family planning-related health care including: Most FDA approved birth control methods, devices, and supplies including birth control pills, condoms, the patch, NuvaRing, IUDs and the new method, Nexplanon, Emergency contraception and follow-up care – known by its brand name "Plan B," male and female sterilization, preconception counseling, preventive screening and family planning options before pregnancy. The following services are also free when they are part of a family planning clinic visit ... Pregnancy testing and counseling, reproductive health information, education and counseling services related to pregnancy, sexually transmitted infection risk and family planning options, screening, treatment, and medications for sexually transmitted and genito-urinary infections, screening for cervical cancer (Pap smears) and if needed, repeat Pap smears and colposcopies, Screening, diagnostic, lab testing, and referrals to primary care providers for health conditions such as high blood pressure or diabetes that affect contraceptive choice, HIV counseling and testing ... Is it confidential? Yes, Planned Parenthood services and your participation in the Family Planning Benefit Program is 100% confidential. You can request that any mailings be sent to a different address than your home. If you (or your parents) have health insurance for family planning services but choose not to use it due to confidentiality reasons, your health insurance company will NOT be contacted." (See more at <http://www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-central-western-new-york/patient-resources/paying-your-health-care/family-planning-benefit-program>)

¹⁴ International Planned Parenthood's *Healthy, Happy and Hot: A young people's guide to rights, sexuality and living with HIV* (London: IPPF. 2010), available online at IPPF.org. targets HIV-positive youth, asserting that "Young people living with HIV have the right to decide if, when and how to disclose their HIV status." (p.3). It then condemns the fact that "some countries have laws that say people living with HIV must tell their sexual partner(s) about their status before having sex," stating that "these laws violate the rights of people living with HIV." (p.6) The booklet asserts that "young people living with HIV have the right to sexual pleasure" (p. 7) and suggests ways young people can obtain sexual pleasure. The pamphlet encourages masturbation and instructs readers to "explore your partner's body with your hands and mouth. Talk about or act out your fantasies. Talk dirty to them. Tickle, tease and make them feel good." (p.8) It further states, "Lots of people don't mind whether their partner(s) is HIV negative or positive." (p. 4) The overriding message of the publication is that people who are HIV positive have a right to sexual pleasure even at the risk of exposing others to a potentially deadly disease.

¹⁵ Planned Parenthood's former Teen Wire website (screenshot available upon request) included the advice that "many people enjoy using pornography as a part of their sex play—alone or with a partner." And "there is no correlation between using pornography and getting bad grades in school ... many people enjoy pornography alone or with a partner as part of sex play. People have different ideas of what is arousing, and there are many different kinds of porn that appeal to people's different interests ... many couples can read or watch sexy stories or pictures together ...," the article states. "They can also share or act out sex fantasies. People do it in person, on the phone, surfing the Internet or through e-mail instant messaging."

¹⁶ The paper "Abstinence Education in Context: History, Evidence, Premises, and Comparison to Comprehensive Sexuality Education" by Stan E. Weed, Ph.D. and Thomas Lickona, Ph.D., State University of New York at Cortland, provides a comparative analysis of different sex education approaches in the U.S., exposing the flaws in many of the studies purporting to either discredit the effectiveness of abstinence-based programs or that affirm the effectiveness of comprehensive sexuality education programs.

¹⁷ The Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) is a federal government program that funds comprehensive sex education and provides \$75 million for states to fund sex education programs. (The 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA)). PREP is administered by the Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF) within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and has awarded PREP funding to twenty-six local Planned Parenthood affiliates or sub-grantees across the country.

¹⁸ As part of President Obama's Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative, the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Adolescent Health, reported they would be awarding grants to 15 Planned Parenthood affiliates totaling nearly \$19 million. Grantees received between \$400,000 - \$4 million each year for five years. The largest single grant, \$4 million, was awarded to Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest. In 2015, another \$5 million in federal grant money was allocated to various Planned Parenthood affiliates for another five-year program.¹⁸

¹⁹ The Government Accountability Office issued a report in March 2015 stating that Planned Parenthood has received funding from USAID, HHS, the Departments of Agriculture, the Department of Defense, Housing and Urban Development, and the Department of Justice.

²⁰ According to LifeNews, while Planned Parenthood "remains America's biggest abortion corporation, the 'nonprofit' continued to make money—bringing in \$305.4 million last year and \$305.3 million this year. Planned Parenthood continued to receive over a half-billion dollars in taxpayer money, as it took in \$540 million in 2012 and \$528 million in 2013. In 2013, abortions made up 94 percent of Planned Parenthood's pregnancy services and for every adoption referral, Planned Parenthood performed 174 abortions."