

# RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE – NEWSLETTER

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### DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR TAX DOLLARS ARE GOING?

(This article is taken from “The Bulletin” newspaper of June 20, 2010)

At a press conference in Washington, D.C., members of Congress and pro-life advocates announced the Government Accountability Office figures of taxpayer funding for abortion advocacy organizations. Advocates for Youth received a total of \$8.7 Million (2002-2008); the Guttmacher Institute, \$12.7 million (2002-2008); International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), \$93.8 million (2002-2009); Planned Parenthood Federation of America, \$657.1 million (2002-2008); Population Council of the United States (SIECUS), \$1.6 million (2002-2009).

With the national debt over \$13 trillion—costing each American \$118,000--we must apply strict scrutiny to every federal dollar allocated, said Rep. Pete Olson, R-Texas. “That this tax money is spent by organizations that offend the majority of Americans only further justifies the need for this alarming report.”

“Since President Obama’s election, U.S. subsidies to the abortion industry at home and abroad have significantly increased,” noted Rep. Chris Smith, R-NJ., the co-chair of the bipartisan congressional Pro-Life Caucus. He added that Obama’s lifting of the Mexico City Policy, which used to prohibit funds to overseas abortion advocates, has alone added \$648 million to the coffers of such groups, including the IPPF.

As high as the GAO figures may seem, the report implicitly admits that the billion dollar figure may be a low-ball estimate: “expenditures in this report may understate the actual amount of federal funds the selected organizations and their affiliates spent.” Jim Sedlak, of the STOP Planned Parenthood campaign, states: “They are very low. If I take Planned Parenthood’s annual reports (for the same period) I get \$2.3 billion that Planned Parenthood says it got in government money, and this report from the GAO is saying \$657 million.”

These figures do not include state funding of Planned Parenthood. With many documented incidents of cover-ups of abortions on underage girls without parental knowledge or consent, some state legislatures have de-funded Planned

Parenthood for violating their laws.

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### **CHOOSE LIFE LICENSE - DO YOU HAVE YOURS YET?**

Pennsylvania is one of only eighteen states to offer a pro-life license plate. Your purchase of this plate provides financial help to mothers and babies and is also an advertisement for Life that will be viewed by hundreds of thousands of people. To get your plate, go to [www.pachoose-life.org](http://www.pachoose-life.org) or call 215-885-2919 for the required application. It is not tied to the renewal of your car registration, so you can apply at anytime. There is a fee of \$44. (\$20 to PennDOT, \$4 to PA prisons and \$20 goes to a crisis pregnancy center in your county) Only the \$20 is renewed each year to continue your support for mothers and babies.

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### **THOUGHTS ON 'THE PILL' AT 50**

The anniversary of the birth control pill has been celebrated in the secular press, but little has been written about the devastation that it has brought to women, families, and the environment. Elaine May, author of **Promises the Pill Never Kept**, confesses "...the pill did not mark the decline of poverty rates, divorce or unwanted pregnancies." Instead, as Pope Paul VI predicted in 1968, there has been "a general lowering of moral standards throughout society, a rise in infidelity, a lessening of respect for women, and the coercive use of reproductive technologies by governments..." Scientists around the world are reporting disturbing effects on fish populations, caused by the synthetic estrogen in the pill leaching into water supplies.

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### **HELP WANTED – PART TIME**

- \*\*\* Men and women needed for prayer and/or counseling
- \*\*\* No experience necessary
- \*\*\* Your presence is needed to witness God's Love at the following:

Crozer-Chester Hospital -- Fridays at 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
Planned Parenthood, Media -- Saturdays at 12:00-1:00 p.m.  
Planned Parenthood, Yeadon -- Wednesdays at 12:00-1:00 p.m.

For further information, please call Lori Cotterall at 610-328-3826.

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