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THE STUPIDITY OF THE GOP'S FIGHT AGAINST PLANNED PARENTHOOD EVERY GOP MEMBER OF CONGRESS IS ABOUT TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF OVER 345,000 NEW ABORTIONS EVERY YEAR!

This morning I woke up to “Morning Joe” on MSNBC with a Republican Senator from Oklahoma named James Lankford passionately advocating for the total defunding of Planned Parenthood.

“American tax payers should not be funding an organization that performs abortions”.

This was typical stuff that normally wouldn't amount to much on my “outrage” meter... until Joe Scarborough as well as Mika Brzezinski BOTH seemed to agree with the Senator. And no one on the panel stepped up to correct all of the glaring LIES!

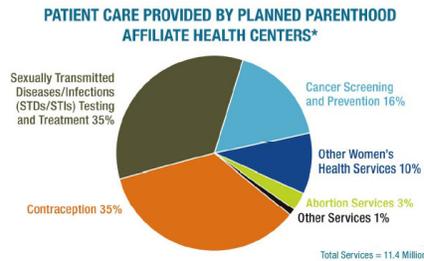
They should be ashamed of themselves!

Only 3% of the total services provided by Planned Parenthood are for abortions... AND the “Hyde Amendment”... passed long ago... forbids taxpayers money from going to these abortions. One third of the budget for Planned Parenthood comes from the federal government and it has already been cut back quite a bit over the years.

Planned Parenthood used to not be a partisan issue... as it was begun as America's primary family planning program called “Title X” under Richard Nixon and boosted by George H. W. Bush (with his wife Barbara being a major cheerleader).

But one must keep in mind that G.H.W. Bush was the last of a dying breed of sensible Republicans... before they entered their current insane world that has vomited forth such pillars of ascending stupidity as Sarah Palin, Rick Santorum, and now Donald Trump... their biggest idiot of all!

If the so-called “pro-life” politicians REALLY wanted to cut down on the number of abortions... they should be INCREASING Planned Parenthood's funding! NOT CUTTING IT OUT!



WHY? You might ask...

Because according to the independent research group the Guttmacher Institute (which studies reproductive health) Planned Parenthood... through their contraception and advice programs... PREVENTS around ONE MILLION unwanted pregnancies a year. Of which they estimate 345,000 would end in abortions. The others would end up creating HUGE amounts of government expense in government aid and childcare.

SOURCE: <http://www.guttmacher.org/media/nr/2015/07/21/index.html>

Guttmacher also estimated that Planned Parenthood prevents 53,000 cases a year of chlamydia and 8,800 cases of gonorrhea... AND they save the lives of approximately 1,100 women a year from dying of cancer.

New York Times write Nicholas Kristof did the math to find that the money from the government funding of Title X programs prevents an abortion every 90 seconds!

Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2015/08/02/opinion/sunday/nicholas-kristof-our-sex-crazed-congress.html?_r=0

But these proud defenders of American “morality” in the GOP want to put an end to all of these obviously beneficial services to women. Now THERE'S your war on women! How can they deny it exists?

All of this of course comes out of the recent “gorilla” video antics where Planned Parenthood reps were supposedly “selling baby body parts” to researchers.

While in fact... they were not “selling” the fetus parts but instead quoting the price of extracting them and shipping them AFTER being given the consent to do so by those having the abortions. Just as most of us SHOULD be offering up our own body parts to help others after accidental deaths.

If medical research can cure future diseases and help prevent deaths from these actions... why can this be such a controversy?

Ignorant religious superstitious “morality”!

Sure the videos are disturbing... just as it would be disturbing to see someone's heart, kidneys, or liver being removed after a fatal accident... to save the life of another.

There is ONE STATE that has done more to end abortions than any other. And it wasn't through the closing of clinics or by causing women to drive hours... or days... to be able to obtain a legal abortion.

It is the state of Colorado... where teen pregnancies have dropped by a WHOPPING 40% in four years. Thus greatly reducing the number of abortions in the state. And they did it with a program begun in 2009 that provided contraceptives at low or no cost to those in need.

SOURCE: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2014/08/12/how-colorados-teen-birthrate-dropped-40-in-four-years/>

A NATIONAL federally funded program such as this could do enormous good for the entire nation and could easily pay for itself with the reduction in the need of government services for all of the unwanted children.

But then again... when was the GOP EVER REALLY about fiscal responsibility? This is simply feeding “red meat” to their ignorant base... and another cynical political ploy to promote a corrupt immoral agenda that will in the end cost America's women dearly.

NOBODY IS FUCKING “PRO” ABORTION!

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