

# Planned Parenthood

*Not simply America's leading abortion "provider," Planned Parenthood is also America's biggest abortion promoter, fighting for abortion on demand in the courts and legislatures and working to elect politicians who will help fund its activities.*

## Your Tax Dollars at Work

Planned Parenthood received \$349.8 million in "Government Grants and Contracts" in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008.

– PPFA 2007-08 *Annual Report*

Government funding of Planned Parenthood has increased every year since at least 2000.

– PPFA 2000-08 *Annual Reports*

About 60% of the government funding PPFA received in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005 came from state and local governments.

*Weekly Standard*, 10/22/07

## Fighting Reasonable Abortion Limits

*PPFA and its affiliates have consistently opposed:*

\* **Right to Know** laws ensuring women know about abortion's physical/psychological risks, fetal development, and alternatives to abortion.

\* **Waiting Periods** that give women opportunity to reflect on their abortion decisions.

\* **Parental Involvement** laws allowing parents to be informed if their minor daughter is undergoing an abortion.

–PPFA '95-'08 *Ann Rpts*

## Rallying Support

Planned Parenthood was one of the leading organizers and promoters of the April 25, 2004 "March for Women's Lives" in Washington, DC defending "abortion rights."

PPFA 2003-04 *Annual Report*

## Extreme in the Supreme

*Planned Parenthood has defended abortion on demand in several cases brought before the U.S. Supreme Court*

\* Planned Parenthood argued that abortion should be legalized without restriction in a 1971 amicus brief filed with *Roe v. Wade* (1973).

\* *Planned Parenthood of Central Missouri v. Danforth* (1976) defended saline abortions and challenged parental and spousal consent laws.

\* Informed consent, waiting periods, collection of statistics, parental consent and spousal notice were challenged by *Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey* (1992).

\* Planned Parenthood defended the practice of partial-birth abortion before the Supreme Court in *Gonzales v. Planned Parenthood* (2007).

## Fighting Judicial Nominees

PPFA has led campaigns against judicial nominees it believed might overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

– PPFA 2000-'06 *Annual Reports*



# POLITICS



National Right to Life  
Educational Trust Fund  
[www.nrlc.org](http://www.nrlc.org) 8/09

## Planned Political Action

The Planned Parenthood Action Fund (PPAF) endorsed pro-abortion presidential candidate Barack Obama and spoke on his behalf at the Democratic Convention in 2008.

– [www.plannedparenthoodaction.org](http://www.plannedparenthoodaction.org), 8/28/08

Planned Parenthood sought to identify, energize, and mobilize 1 million "pro-choice" voters in 2008 to "win key Senate, congressional, and legislative seats and ballot initiatives."

– [www.ppaction.org](http://www.ppaction.org), 3/17/08

In the 2008 election cycle, PPAF sent nearly 3 million pieces of mail supporting Obama and opposing pro-life candidate John McCain, contacted over a million voters, and mobilized staff and volunteers to knock on 100,000 doors and make 500,000 phone calls in nine key battleground states.

– PPFA *Election Update*, 10/30/08

Planned Parenthood announced plans to spend \$10 million to elect pro-abortion candidates in the 2008 election.

– *WSJ*, 1/22/08

## Political President

Planned Parenthood President Cecile Richards had no background in public health when she took the

helm of PPFA and PPAF in 2006, but did have extensive political experience.

– *Washington Post*, 3/25/06

Richards told activists at the 2006 "Take Back America" conference that with 860 "health centers" in 50 states, Planned Parenthood had more members, employees, and staff than the 50 state Democratic parties combined, adding,

*"We have the potential to swing the vote in 2006, 2008, and 2010, and that's a lot of power. The question is, What are we going to do with it? And the answer is, We're going to use it. We're going to marry our current reality as the largest reproductive healthcare provider in this country with our opportunity to be the largest kicka\*\* advocacy organization in the country. We're taking on the opponents of choice in the states and districts where they live. Planned Parenthood is going to become more political so that healthcare can become less politicized."*

– *CNS News*, 6/14/06

--*The Nation*, 11/13/06