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The Mitt Momentum: Why he represented us well



The Presidential election didn't go quite the way we wanted it to this year. The day after, we wanted to pull the blankets over our head and not get out of bed. But now is the time to put aside our box of tissues and count our blessings.

In Mitt Romney, we had a candidate who was pro-abortion and became pro-life. This is what the life movement is about – changing hearts and minds. More people call themselves “pro-life” than ever before – it's a cultural revolution we are winning.

Mitt Romney represented us well because he cared about people. He gave a lot to charity, visited the sick and valued families. Pro-abortionists often paint us as uncaring and fetus-focused. The truth is, pro-lifers are good people. We give and volunteer for many charities. We are involved in our churches.

We are adoptive parents and foster parents to healthy children and those with health challenges. We take care of the sick and the elderly. We love people, we love life and we reach out, regardless of race, creed or income.

Mitt Romney stuck by his pro-life

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It's “Cloke and Mirrors” for Planned Parenthood manager in Red Oak

Planned Parenthood's manager has history of telling whoppers

RED OAK—The same Planned Parenthood spokesperson who claimed earlier this year that Planned Parenthood does mammograms—when they do not — has been at it again.

Planned Parenthood's new manager in Red Oak, **Shelby Cloke**, had a letter in *The Red Oak Express* October 30, stating, “As a medical provider, it's my job to clear up mis-information and provide medically accurate, science based information.”

We would like to help Ms. Cloke clear up some medically inaccurate, mis-information: the first, being that she is not a “medical provider,” as she says.

Ms. Cloke is Public Relations Manager for Planned Parenthood of the Heartland. She has a major in journalism/communications from the University of Iowa. She deals in spin, not human physiology.

Ms. Cloke's ruse goes further. “Medically accurate, science based information” is a buzz-phrase used by Planned Parenthood to hood-wink the public. IRTL has proven again and again that Planned Parenthood's educational information is not science-based. Not even close.

(See our article exposing Planned Parenthood's sex ed information for kids: “Planned Parenthood said WHAT?!” in the October 2012 issue of the *IRTL News*, Page 7.)

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It's “telehealth” Cloke says. What Cloke refers to as “telehealth” involves a young woman taking an abortion-inducing drug in front of a doctor, not in person, but *on a webcam*.

The woman is then sent home, where she takes another drug to expel the baby -- which means she deals with the hemorrhaging, excruciating pain and the body of her baby, at home, alone.

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convictions and picked a strong pro-life running mate in Paul Ryan. Some strategists are calling for the abortion issue to be dropped from political campaigns. But as Rush Limbaugh once pointed out, the abortion issue fires up the conservative base like no other. Without life, all else is moot. And Republicans can kiss their chances in Iowa or on the national stage goodbye.

Mitt Romney showed he is a problem solver. And so are we. Killing children does not make problems disappear. If a teenager gets pregnant and has an abortion, that's a problem. If a woman feels she can't afford another child, that's a problem. When Planned Parenthood aborts her child and sends her packing with a bag of birth control, that doesn't solve her problem. It creates a repeat customer.

We support pregnancy centers like InnerVisions in West Des Moines that counsel women and men to break their cycles of repeat abortions, risky sexual behaviors, abuse and chemical dependency and find resources and options for those who are hurting financially. (See a list of pregnancy centers we support at: <http://iowartl.org/help-i-m-pregnant/crisis-pregnancy-centers/>)

We are problem solvers with end of life issues. Denying care to the elderly, frail or disabled does not free up health resources for everyone else, as Obamacare seeks to do. It creates a slippery slope where no one is safe. The reality is, advances in medical technology are allowing people to live longer. We promote advances in technology and resources to take care of our most vulnerable, not methods to end their lives faster.

Mitt Romney had a positive outlook for America as a place where if you work hard, you can achieve anything. That's our view, too. A few votes in this election may have tipped the balance the other way. We celebrate our wins, such as Congressman Tom Latham's and especially Congressman Steve King, who fought off an unbelievable campaign of deceit by Christie Vilsack, who tried to cover her roots of Planned Parenthood fundraising.

Momentum is on our side. Here in Iowa, more people are turning out to pray outside of Planned Parenthoods in the 40 Days for Life campaign and four Planned Parenthood locations have closed **just this year**. Pro-life college groups are growing and generating fresh new ideas for the life movement. Emerging new speakers, like former Storm Lake Planned Parenthood manager, Sue Thayer and abortion victim Melissa Ohden, are changing hearts. Through ultrasound images that provide a window to babies in the womb, people are seeing the light.

So to Mitt Romney, we say, "Thank you. We were proud of your efforts. You represented us well." There is much to be done. But we are optimistic.

— Jenifer Bowen, Executive Director, Iowa Right to Life

Why Planned Parenthood Should Be Defunded

This was IRTL's response to a news piece by The Des Moines Register:

The Register recently ran a news piece slamming Mitt Romney's plan to defund Planned Parenthood. ("Why it matters" 10/25/12)

Planned Parenthood should be defunded. Here's why:

Planned Parenthood duplicates services offered by county health organizations. With overhead costs, this is an inefficient use of taxpayer funds.

Planned Parenthood pressures Title 19 low-income women to donate for services and charges for pregnancy tests and other services that can be obtained at other clinics for free.

Planned Parenthood's billing is questionable.

Planned Parenthood of the Heartland, which also manages Iowa, was recently dropped from an Oklahoma State Department of Health program because of Planned Parenthood's "high cost per participant, along with faulty billing practices."

Here in Iowa, Planned Parenthood still faces a \$28 million dollar Medicaid fraud lawsuit by a former Planned Parenthood manager. Among the allegations: Planned Parenthood purchased birth control packets for \$2.98, then billed Medicaid \$35 for the same packets.

Planned Parenthood has a history of dishonesty.

Earlier this year, *The Register* quoted Planned Parenthood spokesperson Shelby Cloke saying that Planned Parenthood received \$8,000 from the Quad Cities Susan G. Komen organization for services including "low-or no-cost mammograms." (More on Cloke on Page 1 on this newsletter.) Planned Parenthood does not have, nor has ever provided mammograms, here in Iowa or anywhere in the U.S. President Obama repeated this falsehood in the Presidential debates. Planned Parenthood's bullying of Komen robs women of mammogram funding.

Planned Parenthood's "abortion prevention" claim is a sham. Here in Iowa, Planned Parenthood has expanded abortion locations from 7 to 16 in the past four years and now aborts an average of 13 Iowans a day. (See stats in Iowa Initiative story on Page 6)

Planned Parenthood is biased, spending millions to defeat mostly Republicans. According to OpenSecrets.org, Planned Parenthood spent \$45,000 in 2012 in Iowa alone against one Republican candidate.

Mitt Romney was right to demand the defunding of Planned Parenthood.

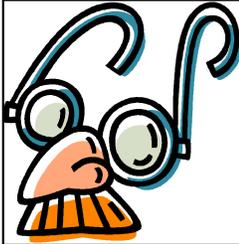
Not sure whether to laugh or cry... so we'll laugh

Who Neu, Basu?

DES MOINES—Before the elections, Rep. Steve King's number one fan **Rehka Basu** had a column in *The Des Moines Register* featuring Republican **Art Neu** attacking **Steve King**.

A Republican attacking Steve King? Really?

Which had our youthful staff at Iowa Right to Life asking, "Who is this Art Neu?" So we looked into it.



Republican Art Neu is a former Lieutenant Governor of Iowa who served under **Governor Robert D. Ray**. What Basu failed to mention (imagine that!), is Republican Neu endorsed Obama for President.

Oh, but there's more.

Republican Neu donated mostly to Democrat candidates for State Senate here in Iowa this election cycle, including **Mike Gronstal's** cousin, **Mary Bruner** (\$200) and **Tim Tripp** (\$50) of Pella. The exception was Republican **Adam Schweers** of Carroll (\$100), which is where Neu is from. In 2010, Neu contributed to Gronstal's campaign.

Basu raved about Republican Neu's endorsement of **Christie Vilsack**, but failed to mention they had worked together before. In 2010, Christie, Art Neu and Gov. Ray co-chaired a campaign for the retention of Iowa **Supreme Court Justices Marsha Ternus, David Baker and Michael Streit**. (We all know *how that went*).

Funny, we don't recall Christie mentioning *that* during her campaign. It certainly wasn't on her campaign website. She probably forgot.

Incidentally, former Governor Ray's wife, **Billie Ray** was on Planned Parenthood's Board of Sponsors as recently as 2010.



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Mixed-up!

WASHINGTON DC—NARAL has invented a new term: "mixed-choice." This is what the National Abortion Rights Action League calls politicians that don't support it's radical abortion agenda 100 percent.

Mixed-choice? Sounds like a really bad dog food, doesn't it?

At Iowa Right to Life, we could start calling people "mixed-life"... but we won't—because that would be very silly.



Mixed-choice

No Mammogram? No Problem!

BRYAN, TEXAS—To draw attention to the fact that **President Obama** and Planned Parenthood's CEO **Cecile Richards** (and even Planned Parenthood reps here in Iowa!) were continuing to lie that Planned Parenthood does mammograms, **Abby Johnson** scheduled, "**Call Planned Parenthood to Schedule Your Imaginary Mammogram Day.**"

Apparently, the October campaign by the former Planned Parenthood manager and author of the bestselling book **unPlanned**, was a success. Planned Parenthoods all across the nation were flooded with calls. And all of them were forced to admit the truth: "**We don't do mammograms at Planned Parenthood.**"



This past June, Johnson launched **And Then There Were None**, a ministry to convince more abortion workers to leave the industry. Johnson **has already helped 39 people walk away from the abortion industry.**

For more about **And Then There were None**, visit www.attwn.org

Monkeying around with end-of-life health care

DES MOINES—The patient "was placed on antibiotics, nebulization treatments and oxygen during the day Tuesday. By Tuesday evening, her condition was improving, 'but remained lethargic,' according to a statement. A few hours later, however, she stopped breathing... staff administered CPR for 90 minutes before pronouncing (the patient) dead."

Was it really necessary to administer CPR for 90 minutes? the Obamacare supporters might ask. Isn't that kind of care considered — excessive?

Not for this patient. Because this patient was **Panbanisha**, one of the apes from Iowa's **Great Ape Trust**. The above description of the ape's care came from *The Des Moines Register*, (*Great ape dies at troubled D.M. center*, 1/7/12).



Not Panbanisha. It's just a really funny picture of a monkey.

Here is the great irony: "**Low funds, however, did not play a part in the health care Panbanisha received before her death,**" according to **Ken Schweller**, chairman of the Great Ape Trust, who told *The Register*, "**We will sacrifice anything else before we sacrifice their care. There have been no shortcuts.**"

While Obamacare has pulled the plug on the rest of us, no sacrifice will be too great, no expense will be spared in the care of the apes. **Oh, to be an ape in America and have that kind of health care!**

Ted Townsend, the Great Ape Trust's founder has contributed tens of thousands of dollars to Planned **Continued on Page 8...**

Is *Dear Abby* penned by Planned Parenthood?

Text of column almost exact match to Planned Parenthood website



Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips.

Dear Abby, I have a big problem. The advice columnist in my local newspaper is in bed with Iowa's biggest abortion provider. What can I do?

— *Distraught in Des Moines*

When we read a recent **Dear Abby** column in *The Des Moines Register* about a teen dealing with a miscarriage, we thought the response looked awfully familiar. So we compared it to text found on **PlannedParenthood.org**.

Look at the comparison and see what you think (Dear Abby text is in *italics*):

Q. Dear Abby: I'm 15. I have dated since I was 12 but never told my parents and sort of went out of my way to hide it from them. I had sex when I was 13 but was always careful about using birth control.

I'm on the pill and always use condoms.

I got pregnant anyway, five months ago. I always had irregular periods so I didn't realize it until two months ago. The doctor told me I was having a girl. I was scared out of my mind, but I was planning to tell the father and my parents. Then early last month I got a terrible pain. I went to the clinic and had a miscarriage.

It will be a long time before I'm completely ready to deal with this, but I don't know how to move on. I can't tell my parents, and I have no idea how to tell the father. Please help me.

— *Lost and Alone in Wisconsin*

Dear Lost and Alone: Please accept my sympathy. A miscarriage can cause a mix of emotions, among which are disappointment, despair, shock, guilt, grief — and relief. All are normal.

PP Website: "You may feel a mix of emotions that may include disappointment, despair, shock, guilt, grief, and relief. All are normal."

I urge you to talk to a trusted adult who can listen and support you because going through all this alone is doubly hard. Remember that grief is a natural response to a miscarriage. Don't make light of it or deny the feelings. The length of time it takes to process them is different for everyone, but you should feel better as time passes. If that doesn't happen, talk with your health care provider.

PP Website: Grief is a normal response to miscarriage, and it should not be made light of or denied... Give yourself time to heal from the loss of

your pregnancy. The amount of time it will take is different for everyone... You should feel better as time passes. If you find it difficult to get back to your normal activities after a miscarriage, talk with your health care provider...

If you decide to tell the father, understand that he may need to grieve, too. He may not be able to express his emotions the same way you do. But communicating your feelings and supporting each other may help both of you to cope.

PP Website: If you have a partner, understand that he or she may need to grieve the loss, too. Your partner may not express his or her emotions the same way you do. But trying to communicate your feelings and support to each other may help each of you cope.

Because the birth control you were using didn't prevent your pregnancy, you should ask a health care provider for advice about avoiding another unplanned pregnancy in the future. A Staff member at your local Planned Parenthood health center or other clinic, can discuss all of your options. (End)

PP Website: A staff member at your local Planned Parenthood health center can discuss all of your birth control options with you and help you get the birth control you need.

This isn't a total shock, since *Dear Abby* refers troubled teens to Planned Parenthood all the time. Planned Parenthood of Los Angeles gave *Dear Abby* author Jeanne Phillips the "Generations of Choice Award" and Planned Parenthood Federation awarded her mother, Pauline Phillips its dubious, "Margaret Sanger Award."

At IRTL, we agree women need time to grieve after a miscarriage and should talk to their doctors. But the worry here is, if *Dear Abby* is word-for-word off Planned Parenthood's website, what other *Dear Abby* advice is straight from the mouth of Planned Parenthood?

Since this is a syndicated column, it's best to go to the root of the problem. *Dear Abby* is distributed by the **Universal Press Syndicate**. Don't be haters, because Universal Press distributes syndicates we like, like Ann Coulter and the cartoon *Garfield*.

But if you agree Universal Press should be held to a higher standard than plagiarizing Planned Parenthood, take a breather from your Christmas cards and send them a letter. Copy our article if you wish.

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threatening complications from this type of abortion, such as an infection from an incomplete abortion or excessive blood loss, a doctor on a webcam in Des Moines cannot save her, nor can someone who specializes in Public Relations.

One thing Cloke failed to mention: webcam abortions cost about the same as surgical abortions, but because the woman aborts at home, the low overhead for Planned Parenthood makes these abortions much more profitable.

It's time for the "Cloke and mirrors" to stop. Whether you say "telehealth" or "webcam" the dangers of these abortions with no doctor present are real and the Red Oak community deserves the truth.

Planned Parenthood's Supporters in Red Oak

Did you Know? Planned Parenthood's contributors in Red Oak in the past four years have included the **Red Oak Country Club**, which contributed money and the **Red Oak YMCA**, which contributed "goods/services/books" according to Planned Parenthood of the Heartland's Annual Reports.

Rewind: Red Oak's Part in Planned Parenthood's Shenandoah Sex Ed Scandal

Planned Parenthood in Red Oak made national news in June 2010, when outraged parents in Shenandoah, Iowa objected to Planned Parenthood's graphic sex ed presentation to eighth graders at the local public school.

The presentation, conducted by **Jennifer Horner**, a Planned Parenthood Regional Educator based in Red Oak, included showing sexual positions with stuffed animals and models of male sex organs to put condoms on. This was not a one-time speaking engagement. The Planned Parenthood sex ed class lasted a week and was supposed to be part of a Biology course.

At the time, Horner told *The Omaha World-Herald*, "All information we use is medically accurate and science based." (What did we tell you about this being a Planned Parenthood "buzz phrase?")

We'd still like to know which of the sexual positions Ms. Horner believes are science-based.

Elizabeth Dilley, another Regional Educator for Planned Parenthood in Red Oak and Creston, is on the board of The Iowa Initiative. The Iowa Initiative is the big birth control fiasco bankrolled by Warren Buffet and closely tied to Planned Parenthood in Iowa. (See story on Page 6) Dilley is also Board Chair of the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice.

For more on how Planned Parenthood deceives the public and how you can kick them out of your schools, visit: www.iowaRTL.org

Gov. Branstad Offers Pro-Life Proclamation: November as Adoption Month

WHEREAS, Life is to be respected in all stages of development beginning with fertilization to continuing to natural death; and



WHEREAS, This respect is shown by giving the child produced from this development, a home where he/she will be cared for and shown love. This home may be with a natural parent or parents or other suitable home as arranged by those in positions to decide such matters; and

WHEREAS, Adoption should be pursued as a viable alternative, and be offered in a manner that would be beneficial to both child and adoptive parents and not be overly burdensome to either; and

WHEREAS, November shall be celebrated as Iowa Adoption Month and used to promote the family as a unit, whether adoptive or natural, worthy of recognition by the citizenry of the Great State of Iowa during this month from this point forward:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim November 2012 as ADOPTION MONTH.

More On Adoptions

Most adoption agencies offer a variety of adoption plans:

Open Adoption Plan:

Continuous contact with the adoptive parents and the child throughout the child's life.



Semi-Open Adoption:

No contact with the child, but updates and photos from the adoption agency or adoptive family.

Closed or Confidential Adoption Plan - No contact with the child or adoptive family.

Interested in Adopting a Child?

We provide a list of adoption agencies in Iowa on our website at:
<http://iowartl.org/help-i-m-pregnant/adoption-agencies>

Iowa Initiative Feeds Planned Parenthood

Iowa's Big Abortion Circle of "Scratch-my-back" Continues

The *Des Moines Register's* article by Reporter Tony Leys, "Group: Unplanned pregnancies, abortion rates decline in Iowa," (9/28/12) was misleading and one-sided.

Sally Pederson's claim that her Iowa Initiative's promotion of long-term birth control (interuterine devices and implanted hormone devices) led to a decline in abortions and unintended pregnancies in Iowa is preposterous.

Pederson said Iowa Initiative spent **\$35 million** to pay for such devices, as well as training of staff at dozens of clinics. Planned Parenthood, a big beneficiary, increased its patient visits for IUDs and Implanon from 550 in its fiscal year ending in 2007 to 4,645 in its fiscal year ending in 2009. (Source: *Planned Parenthood of the Heartland Annual Reports*)

That should reduce abortions, according to Pederson's reasoning, right? *WRONG.*

Planned Parenthood increased its Iowa abortions in that time from 4,401 in 2007 to 4,792 in 2009. (In fact, Iowa Right to Life has pointed out Planned Parenthood's growing abortion numbers so often, Planned Parenthood stopped breaking out their abortion stats for Iowa in 2009.)

Full disclosure: Iowa Initiative's Board of Directors is stacked with Planned Parenthood's own board members and big donors. Pederson's husband, **James Autry**, was also a former trustee for Planned Parenthood in Iowa. Iowa's big abortion circle of "scratch-my-back" continues.

Abortion numbers in Iowa are Incomplete

Pederson claims abortion numbers in Iowa have decreased. But no one really knows, because the Iowa Vital Stats reports that Iowa Initiative often quotes are incomplete, despite a state

law requiring abortion reporting.

For instance, the Planned Parenthood abortion count for 2009 was 4,792 and the Iowa Vital Stats count for 2009 was 5,829 abortions. If that were correct, that would mean all the other abortions at Iowa hospitals, doctors' offices and places like the Emma Goldman clinic in Iowa City would only add up to 1,037 abortions. That's not possible.

Unintended and Unwanted are Not the Same

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Iowa Initiative's Stork Mascot.

Top 10 Better Ways to Spend Warren Buffet's Money in Iowa



DES MOINES—The Iowa Initiative, the birth control promotion group bankrolled by billionaire Warren Buffet, spent **\$35 million** to pay for IUDs and implanted hormone devices in Iowa, according to *The Des Moines Register* (9/28/12). These devices cost \$350-1,200 a device.

Planned Parenthood, a big beneficiary, increased its patient visits for IUDs and Implanon from 550 in its fiscal year ending in 2007 to 4,645 in its fiscal year ending in 2009. But abortions at Planned Parenthood didn't go down, they went up.

At Iowa Right to Life, we know there are much better ways to spend \$35 million of Warren Buffet's money. Here are some of them:

10. 9,408,602 gallons of gas from Casey's General Store

9. \$400,000 to each of our Crisis Pregnancy Centers
8. 35 million bags of Fritos
7. Fat Boy Harleys for all the pro-lifers in the Iowa legislature and everyone on staff
6. A panda for the Blank Park Zoo
5. A new locker room for East High School in Des Moines and 349 other schools in Iowa
4. Ten 30-second Iowa Right to Life / Tebow spots for the Super Bowl
3. The Weather Beacon in Des Moines to go on top of our Iowa Right to Life office
2. Full-ride scholarships to Iowa's universities for 500 of our pro-life college students
1. Buy the town of Fertile, Iowa.

Can you think of better ways to spend Warren Buffet's money in Iowa? Visit Iowa Right to Life on Facebook and share or send us your ideas. Email us at iowa@iowaRTL.org or mail us at the address on Page 8.

What a year it's been: a pro-life review of 2012!



40 Days for Life Expanded

Our **40 Days for Life** peaceful prayer vigils expanded in 2012. More people stood outside abortion clinics across Iowa — sometimes on cold, wet days, sometimes in the dark, to give peaceful witness against the violence of abortion. There are so many more people you have saved that you will never know.



Inspiration

We showcased great speakers throughout the year, such as **Issues4Life** founder **Walter Hoyo** and his wife, **Lori** (above with IRTL's **Jenifer Bowen**), Former Planned Parenthood worker **Catherine Adair**, **Operation Rescue's** **Troy Newman**, former **Komen** exec **Karen Handel**, **40 Days For Life's** **Shawn Carney** and **David Bereit** and many more.



Gone But Not Forgotten

We lost a leader and a friend when IRTL's Chairman of the Board **Bob Dopf** passed away suddenly and when our favorite Book Sale volunteer, **Michael Moede**, lost his battle with cancer at the tender age of 13.



Four-closure

We celebrated the closings of four Planned Parenthood locations in Iowa in 2012, with former Planned Parenthood manager **Sue Thayer**. The doors closed for good on Thayer's former **Storm Lake PP**, plus **Knoxville, Newton**, and the so-called **Family Practice Center in Des Moines**, which was folded into PP's Army Post Road abortion center. We were awed by Sue as she bravely stood up to the abortion industry giant with her whistleblower fraud lawsuit. Stay tuned in 2013! Sue, we are so very proud of you!



We Rallied

2012 was a year of a lot of rallies from the **Prayer for Life** and **Stand Up for Religious Freedom Rally** at the Capitol to the **Women Speak Out** bus tour.



Life is a Highway

2012 is the year we finally brought the **Choose Life license plates** to Iowa. Honk if you love life!



Book It!

The Book Sales continue to be a huge success. Thanks **Rhonda!!** Thanks volunteers!

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Parenthood in Iowa.

According to the organization's Annual Reports, Townsend gave between \$10,000-24,999 each year in Iowa in 2006 and 2007 and then upped his donations to the \$25,000-49,999 range in 2008 and 2009.

In his *Message from the Founder* on the Great Ape Trust website, Townsend says, "...Great Ape Trust scientists explore the nebulous boundary between human and not-quite human." (Is there a parallel here somewhere with the baby in the womb that Planned Parenthood sees as not-quite human?)

Townsend goes on to say, "*The information emerging from this work has the potential to revolutionize early-childhood education...*" Here is a radical idea for revolutionizing early-childhood education: **not killing the children before they get there.**

Note to Townsend: Planned Parenthood kills an average of one kindergarten class every two days in the state of Iowa.

Cecile Richard's Utopia

NEW YORK—Planned Parenthood Federation CEO **Cecile Richards** said, "If you want to see what a Romney presidency might be like, look at Texas."

Great idea. Let's look at the abortion stats in Texas, compared with abortion stats in the utopia of New York, which Richards calls home.

According to the **Guttmacher Institute**, Planned Parenthood's own research arm, New York state has the highest teen abortion rate in the country. More than half of teenage pregnancies in New York ended in abortion.



Texas has less than the national average of abortions per 1,000 teens, while New York has almost double the national average:

National average: 24 abortions for every 1,000 teens, age 15-19.

Texas: 17 abortions for every 1,000 teens, age 15-19.

New York: 46 abortions for every 1,000 teens, age 15-19.

Actually, it makes sense why Richards would prefer New York — more abortions means bigger profits for Planned Parenthood. Somebody has to pay her nearly \$400,000 annual salary.

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pregnancies on the decline in Iowa?

The term "unintended" is misleading, because **unintended** does not mean the child is **not wanted**. How many children out there walking around were an unexpected surprise to their parents?

According to the Iowa Barriers to Prenatal Care Summary for 2010, 66 percent of pregnant mothers said Yes, they desired the pregnancy at that time and earlier. Another 30 percent said, "No, but in the future," which suggests they might be open to the pregnancy. Only 4 percent said the pregnancy was not desired then, nor in the future.

Those numbers remained pretty consistent since 2006:

63% Yes

32% No, but in the future

4% No, nor in the future

Pederson said nearly half the pregnancies in Iowa were "unintended." It appears Pederson's term "unintended" and "unwanted" are not the same.

If the Iowa Initiative had real results and was not just pouring money down a rathole, it would continue, right? The Iowa Initiative is scheduled to end at the end of December 2012.

Read more about The Iowa Initiative in past issues of the IRTL News at www.iowaRTL.org

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The Innovators

Here's to the entrepreneurs in the life movement, like **Kendra Burger** at **Simpson College** and other college students like her that run thriving pro-life groups on campuses. To **Jenny Condon**, who started the **InnerVisions** clinic in West Des Moines, that has saved some 70 babies already and all the pregnancy centers on the front lines of the life movement. And of course, Thank God, originator of all good things.

Thank you also to the IRTL staff, telemarketers, volunteers, chapters, affiliates and friends! God bless you and keep you in 2013!

