

**3-19-2008**

## In Heap of Trouble, Planned Parenthood Funds Pro-Abortion Candidates

by Devon Williams, associate editor

*Local affiliates accused of racism, overbilling and violating state abortion laws.*

Amid high-profile criminal investigations, Planned Parenthood has announced plans to spend \$10 million this election cycle to ensure it has support in government and in the courts. Its *One Million Strong* effort will attempt to recruit 1 million people to vote for pro-abortion candidates.

The massive recruitment campaign will begin at the national, state and local levels and accelerate over the final eight weeks before the election, *The Wall Street Journal* reported.

Jenn Giroux, president of Women Influencing the Nation, said it's clear Planned Parenthood has little regard for state laws.

"The reason Planned Parenthood is spending an unprecedented \$10 million this election cycle is to elect pro-choice candidates who will overlook ... racist and unethical business practices that continue to occur at their clinics across the country," she said.

"Planned Parenthood receives over \$300 million a year in tax dollars, totaling \$3.9 billion since 1987 in taxpayer-financed abortion. They are 'investing' \$10 million this election cycle to protect their billions in taxpayer subsidies in order to continue performing abortions, including late-term abortions, which are illegal in many states."

A Kansas Planned Parenthood affiliate is facing [107 criminal charges](#) after allegedly performing illegal late-term abortions. The charges include failing to report child abuse, failing to comply with parental consent requirements and failing to enforce the 24-hour waiting period.

An [undercover investigation](#) apparently caught Planned Parenthood of Idaho and six other affiliates accepting racist donations. And in California, Planned Parenthood clinics are being sued after allegedly [overcharging the state and federal governments](#) \$180 million.

Dawn Vargo, associate bioethics analyst for Focus on the Family Action, said the allegations of wrongdoing continue to mount.

"Electing radical, pro-abortion and anti-women candidates to office is their assurance that the truth about their unethical practices won't be exposed," she said.

Focus on the Family and nearly 60 other pro-life organizations have sent a letter urging Congress to suspend Planned Parenthood funding during the criminal investigations.

"Taxpayers should not be funding an organization under serious criminal investigation over falsifying documents, aiding and abetting child rape, committing fraud against citizens and enthusiastically advocating an increase in black abortions," Giroux said.

### **TAKE ACTION**

[Ask your lawmakers](#) to suspend funding for Planned Parenthood while it is being investigated.

---

If you enjoy reading stories like this one, [sign up for the free \*CitizenLink Daily Update\* e-mail](#). You'll get news and commentary from Focus on the Family Action delivered right to your computer.

© 2008 Focus on the Family Action, Inc. CitizenLink is a registered trademark of Focus on the Family Action, Inc. "Focus on the Family" is a registered trademark of Focus on the Family, a California non profit religious corporation, used pursuant to a license agreement. All rights reserved. International copyright secured. 8605 Explorer Drive Colorado Springs, CO 80920 phone: (866) 655-4545 fax: (719) 531-3390