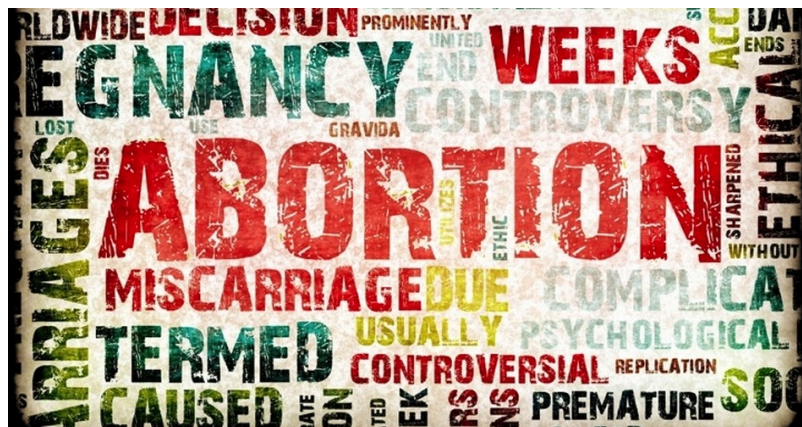




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Planned Parenthood Rep Gives Chilling Testimony on “Post-Birth” Abortion

Is it possible that abortion giant Planned Parenthood condones the killing of babies outside the womb in what is sometimes termed “post-birth” abortion? To some observers, Alisa LaPolt Snow, a lobbyist with the Florida Alliance of Planned Parenthood Affiliates, appeared to give that impression when she testified March 28 in connection with a Florida bill that would require abortionists to give medical care to babies born alive during a “botched” abortion procedure. (See video below.)



When given her chance to offer Planned Parenthood’s position on the common-sense and compassionate measure, Snow told Florida lawmakers in a prepared statement that while “Planned Parenthood condemns any physician who does not follow the law or endangers a woman’s or a child’s health ... we don’t believe that politicians should be the ones who decide what constitutes the best, medically appropriate treatment in any given situation.”

Some legislators were shocked at what appeared to be an admission that Planned Parenthood is okay with allowing babies born alive during an abortion to be deprived of life-saving medical care. [Fox News](#) reported that one of the lawmakers tried to pin Snow down on the abortion giant’s position regarding a baby born alive while an abortionist was attempting to end his or her life. “We believe that any decision that’s made should be left up to the woman, her family, and the physician,” Snow reiterated from her talking points — making it appear that Planned Parenthood’s position is that an abortionist hasn’t completed his mission until a baby dies, inside or outside the womb.

Another legislator pressed Snow on the issue, asking her to explain Planned Parenthood’s policy when such a scenario occurs, to which the abortion lobbyist replied, “I do not have that information.” Another legislator asked her if a baby born under such traumatic circumstances wouldn’t automatically join his mother as a patient under the care of the erstwhile abortion doctor. “That’s a very good question,” Snow blankly demurred. “I really don’t know how to answer that.”

Among Planned Parenthood’s concerns, Snow testified, were “those situations where [the failed abortion occurs] in a rural health care setting, the hospital is 45 minutes or an hour away, [and] that’s the closest trauma center or emergency room. You know, there’s just some logistical issues involved that we have some concerns about.”

Fox News reported that Snow “had said earlier that Planned Parenthood’s primary objection to the legislation is that it doesn’t include a ‘neutrality clause’ that would make clear it does not change the legal status of a baby before being born alive.”

There are several high-profile instances of individuals who were born alive and survived despite efforts of their mothers and abortionists to kill them, including pro-life activists [Gianna Jessen](#) and [Melissa Ohden](#), both born in 1977.

Despite — or perhaps because of — Snow’s chilling testimony, both Democrat and Republican lawmakers joined to pass H.B. 1129, the Infants Born Alive Act. The bill declares that “infants born alive



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during or immediately after attempted abortion are entitled to same rights, powers, and privileges as any other child born alive in the course of natural birth.” In other words, explained Dave Andrusko of [National Right to Life](#), “if the baby survives the initial onslaught, he or she should be treated no differently than a baby who is delivered naturally.”

According to the news site [examiner.com](#), Planned Parenthood insisted that the legislation was “[politically motivated](#),” complaining that it “inserts politics where it doesn’t belong by implying doctors and women who end a pregnancy can’t be trusted. Legislation should not be created with the intent of coercing, shaming, or judging a woman or doctor. It is important that abortion remain a safe and legal medical procedure for a woman to consider with her doctor, if and when she needs it.”

Commented Right to Life’s Andrusko: “So a baby survives an abortion, and to require that this baby — who is no longer IN the woman — be treated like any other newborn is nothing but politics.... What can that possibly mean? That the unsuccessful first pass should be treated like a mulligan. They’ll do a do-over to guarantee a dead baby.”

Andrusko added that “pro-abortionists, and especially Planned Parenthood, never find an abortion that they would prohibit. It doesn’t matter the reason or how advanced the baby is. It’s a ‘woman’s choice.’ But every once in a while — as we did with Ms. Snow — we are reminded that birth is not even a flashing yellow light when the objective is a dead baby.”

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