



Jimmy Carter Wants Dems to Back Off on Aggressive Abortion Platform

Among those efforts, he recalled, "I made it easy to adopt children, for instance, who were unwanted, and also initiated the program called Women and Infant Children or WIC program that's still in existence now." While acknowledging that Jesus would condemn all abortion, Carter himself — as is the case with a majority of "pro-choice" advocates — emphasized that "except for the times when a mother's life is in danger or when a pregnancy is caused by rape or incest, I would certainly not or never have approved of any abortions."



The bottom line is that the former President — who not only claims faith in Christ, but endorses same-sex marriage to boot — remains solidly in support of a woman's right to choose the death of her baby. He just thinks his own political party should de-emphasize the position in its party platform. "I've signed a public letter calling for the Democratic Party at the next convention to espouse my position on abortion, which is to minimize the need requirement for abortion and limit it only to women whose life are in danger or who are pregnant as a result of rape or incest," he told Ingraham.

Carter speculated that diverting attention away from abortion *per se*, while having Dems mouth rhetoric in support of making the procedure a rarer occurrence, might be just the ticket to attract more voters to his party. "I think if the Democratic Party would adopt that policy, that would be acceptable to a lot of people who are now estranged from our party because of the abortion issue," he said.

As of this publication, Planned Parenthood had offered no response to the recommendation. Nor, apparently, had the Democratic Party, whose official party platform on abortion reads: "The Democratic Party strongly and unequivocally supports *Roe v. Wade* and a woman's right to choose a safe and legal abortion, regardless of ability to pay, and we oppose any and all efforts to weaken or undermine that right."

Jimmy Carter isn't the only Democrat who has registered disagreement with that aggressive proabortion stance. A 2008 Polling Company survey found that a hefty 42 percent of Democrats said they oppose all or most abortions. Unfortunately, Karen Cross of National Right to Life told LifeNews.com, the Democratic Party leadership is much more aligned with the profit-minded agenda of Planned Parenthood than with party members. "Once again, the pro-abortion leadership of the Democratic Party demonstrates an allegiance with the extreme pro-abortion lobby and continues to show that it is out of step with a large number of its own membership and out of step with the majority of the American people," said Cross.

With Planned Parenthood's profits so inextricably tied to abortion, and with one of its chief boosters in the White House, don't expect the Democratic Party to budge an inch on its infanticide platform. In fact, President Obama recently reinforced the party's commitment to Planned Parenthood in a promotional



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video for the abortion giant.

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"For you and for most Americans, protecting women's health is a mission that stands above politics," declared the President in a video-message of solidarity with Planned Parenthood. "And yet over the past year we've had to stand up to politicians who wanted to deny millions of women the care they rely on and inject themselves into the decisions that are best made between a woman and her doctor."

Continued the pro-abortion President: "Let's be clear here: Women are not an interest group. They're mothers, and daughters, and sisters, and wives. They're half of this country and they're perfectly capable of making their own choices about their health."

Obama declared that "when some professional politicians casually say that they'll get rid of Planned Parenthood, don't forget what they're really talking about: eliminating the funding for preventive care that millions of women rely on and leaving them to fend for themselves."

The President recalled that "last year, when Republicans in Congress threatened to shut down the government unless we stopped funding Planned Parenthood, I had a simple answer: no." He warned, however, that "we know this debate is far from over," adding that "we must continue to send a message loud and clear. If you truly value families, you shouldn't play politics with a woman's health."

He expressed his confidence that Planned Parenthood "will continue providing care no matter what," and will "never stop fighting to protect ... the choices that America's women deserve" — meaning, of course, the right to terminate the life of a pre-born child at any age before birth (and, as we've learned recently, sometimes afterward, if they can get away with it). The President concluded by assuring Planned Parenthood that as long as he inhabits the White House, he will continue his complicity in its billion-dollar business of death.

What Obama's video message to Planned Parenthood, means, wrote Jennifer Hartline at Catholic Online, is that a "sitting President went out of his way to publicly vow to protect the interests of America's largest abortion provider and ensure their federal funding is not discontinued. He publicly declared his commitment to standing between Planned Parenthood and Congress, between Planned Parenthood and the American people, to preserve the hundreds of millions of tax dollars Planned Parenthood gets each year."

Hartline noted that the ad was, in essence, one more confirmation of what Americans already know about Barack Obama, that "he will always defend Planned Parenthood; he will always defend abortion-on-demand, without restriction; he will always promote the culture of death."

And, by default as well as the design of Democratic Party leadership, that culture of death will continue to define a major plank in the party's platform.

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