



Planned Parenthood – What Your Tax Dollars Support

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Planned Parenthood is the leading international organization promoting a model of sexuality that emphasizes sexual freedom and choice. The Planned Parenthood Federation of Canada is heavily funded by the Canadian federal government. Now known as the Canadian Federation for Sexual Health (CFSH), (the organization changed its name in 2006 “to more accurately reflect [their] mission and to speak to new generations”), the CFSH received nearly half their annual funding for 2007 from government agencies—more than \$700,000 of a total annual revenue of \$1.5 million.

The Government of Canada also gives financial support directly to the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)—this past year Canada pledged \$18 million to the IPPF over the next four years.

The IPPF endorses a radical view of human sexuality that elevates sexual expression and experience to the level of a human right. The organization has identified five key focal points in their current work—Abortion, Access, Adolescents, Advocacy, and AIDS/HIV. The IPPF promotes abortion access as a woman’s right, with the goal of establishing abortion access as a human right in international law.

The IPPF extends their views on sexuality to youth, stating that young people are “sexual beings with the right to access services and contraceptives.” Operating with a rights-based approach, the IPPF Youth Manifesto states, “Society must recognize the right of all young people to enjoy sex and to express their sexuality in the way that they choose.” Additionally, the Manifesto states that:

- All young people must be able to choose from a full range of contraceptives including the latest advances in contraception.
- Young people must be able to have pleasure and confidence in relationships and all aspects of sexuality.
- Young people must be supported by laws that allow them to act freely in the way they choose to live their lives.
- Obstacles that make young people uncomfortable about themselves, their bodies and their relationships must be removed.
- Young people’s sexuality should have a positive image in society.

The organization identifies young people as those between the ages of 10 to 24 and makes no distinction between pre-teens, teenagers and young adults in their sexuality policies. Among the many concerns raised by Planned Parenthood’s influence on sexuality education should be alarm over the organization’s endorsement of sexual “rights” for children as young as 10.



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The Canadian Federation for Sexual Health is a member of the International Planned Parenthood Federation and works closely with the IPPF on foreign projects. In Canada, the CFSH promotes abortion as a woman's right and endorses sexual activity in youth—the group established Canadian Youth for Choice in 2005 as a youth branch of the CFSH dedicated to promoting sexual and reproductive rights. The CFSH is listed as an educational resource by most provincial health agencies. The organization also influences the development of sexual health curricula used in schools throughout the country. The CFSH opposed recent legislation raising the age of sexual consent in Canada to 16 from 14.

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