

Regarding the public broadcasting scandal
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.

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One in four women in America — probably even someone you know — has been to a Planned Parenthood health center. So why would anyone want to destroy an organization so many women have come to trust?

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Dear Friend of Planned Parenthood:

Did you know the largest source of reproductive health care in this country is Planned Parenthood?

That's right, Planned Parenthood, the private, non-profit organization that for 82 years has been fighting for the simple right that you should decide when or if you want to have children.

Yet from the start, some people have fought to deny women this fundamental right.

In fact, in 1917, Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger was jailed for distributing information on contraceptives to poor women in New York City.

The leaders of the time thought birth control would destroy the social fabric of the country. They feared access to contraceptives would encourage immoral behavior among their wives and daughters. By some accounts, you would think family planning would be the downfall of civilization.

It's frightening to realize, but not much has changed. Listen to the news, and you hear the political leaders of our time making the same sort of statements.

Considering that many current members of Congress owe their election to religious political extremist groups like Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition, and lesser-known organizations like Gary Bauer's Family Research Council and James Dobson's Focus on the Family, it shouldn't come as much of a surprise.

These groups represent a fringe minority of society, but they have invested millions of dollars and successfully elected a Congress that is now controlled by an anti-choice majority. Now they expect to be repaid for their efforts by having Congress undermine family planning programs and destroy Planned Parenthood.

So ask yourself, do you believe every American should be able to decide whether

Time to end this Corporate Welfare (over, please) for the Liberal Rich!