President of a Catholic Non-Profit Explains: “Why My Employees Don’t Want Free Birth Control”

(Even if Sandra Fluke Does)

Steven W. Mosher

Editor’s Note: Our press release featuring this material was reposted on over 160 web sites.

In violation of the First Amendment, President Obama has ordered all Catholic nonprofits to provide their employees with so-called “modern methods of birth control.” Even the openly abortifacient Morning After Pill is supposed to be included. It is “preventative health care,” he claims, and must be “free” for the asking.

We at Population Research Institute reject this unlawful “mandate.” Not only does it violate our deeply held religious beliefs, it also violates our mission: to protect and defend innocent unborn life.

You see, the pill — along with all its injectable and implantable counterparts — is abortifacient.

Most American women don’t know that the pill they swallow with their morning orange juice can cause early-term abortions. They don’t know that, while on the pill, they (1) may still ovulate, (2) may still conceive a child, and (3) may then abort that child. This is one of the ways that the pill works.

This hard truth would probably give even Sandra Fluke pause — remember, she is the law school student who whined to Barbara Boxer last month that George-town University won’t give her “free” birth control — if she knew about it. She probably doesn’t.

Our employees are informed about the abortifacient action of the pill, and they want nothing to do with it.

Odds are that PRI’s employees also grasp something else that Sandra Fluke doesn’t: That the powerful, steroid-based drugs that she is so eager to ingest may negatively impact her health. Not that this ignorance is her fault. How many American women have had the downside of contraception explained to them?

“The pill is not a warm little fuzzy harmless object,” Dr. Rebecca Peck notes, “but causes significant harm to women. As a practicing physician, I see the fallout every day — young women with blood clots in their legs, strokes, early breast cancer, HPV, and cervical cancer. But
Infanticide on Demand?
The Tug-of-war Between the Culture of Life
and the Culture of Death Continues

Steven Mosher

In Virginia, Gov. Bob McDonnell signs a bill requiring that abortion-minded women be given the opportunity to see an ultrasound of their unborn children — which causes many of them to change their mind. In Oklahoma, women considering abortion must now listen to the beating heart of their babies in utero — which likewise leads many to continue their pregnancies. In the U.S. Congress, a bill banning sex-selective abortions moves forward.

Despite these baby steps forward, abortion-on-demand remains the law of the land in the U.S. and other Western countries. And now comes an article, entitled “After-birth abortion: why should the baby live?” which flatly argues in favor of infanticide.

Lest you doubt that anyone would openly espouse the killing of babies after birth, let me quote from the article itself. “Merely being human is not in itself a reason for ascribing someone a right to life,” the authors assert. Killing a newborn “should be permissible in all the cases where abortion is, including cases where the newborn is not disabled.”

How do they pretend to reason their way to such inhumanity?

“We take ‘person’ to mean an individual who is capable of attributing to her own existence some (at least) basic value such that being deprived of this existence represents a loss to her. This means that many nonhuman animals and mentally retarded human individuals are persons, but that all the individuals who are not in the condition of attributing any value to their own existence are not persons.”

Considered a “person”, the authors assert, they are merely “potential people.” “The alleged right of individuals (such as fetuses and newborns) to develop their potentiality, which someone defends, is over-ridden by the interests of actual people (parents, family, society) to pursue their own well-being … merely potential people cannot be harmed by not being brought into existence.”

In other words, say the authors, what a baby doesn’t know — its impending

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Obama Kowtows to China — Again
Chinese Vice President Xi Visit Made A “Relationship-Building Exercise”

Colin Mason and Steven W. Mosher

The Obama administration seems to have a new motto: “don’t bite the hand that feeds you.” Or maybe that has been their motto all along.

Either way, Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping’s recent visit to the United States only solidified this impression. The Politburo of the Chinese Communist Party has selected Xi to become China’s next president, to help them maintain their stranglehold on the world’s second-largest economy and most populous country.

Did the Obama administration take this opportunity to reaffirm American principles of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness? Did they seize the moment to put pressure on China’s dictator-in-waiting to correct his Party’s wrongheaded persecution of political dissidents, Catholic believers, pregnant women, ethnic minorities, etc. Did they bring up any of the myriad human rights abuses that his Party commits against the Chinese people?

Not really. They mainly just talked about money.

Britain’s The Telegraph summed it up nicely when it referred to the visit as a “carefully choreographed” state event that represented little more than a “‘relationship-building exercise’ before Mr. Xi takes the reins of power in Beijing this autumn.” Let all make nice, in other words.

A look at Obama’s own remarks makes this even clearer. His speech focused almost entirely on the economic ties between China and the United States. He praised what he called the “very extensive strategic and economic dialogues between our two countries,” without mentioning that these talks have produced very little of value. Astonishingly, he claimed that a “strong and prosperous China is one that can help to bring stability and prosperity to the region and to the world,” without mentioning that China’s growing economic and military might is a threat not only to its neighbors, but to the existing world order dominated by the United States.

Obama had virtually nothing to say on the entire area of human rights. At one point, glancing airily away from Xi, he said that the United States would always stress the “importance of recognizing the aspirations and rights of all people,” a comment so vague as to be meaningless. What aspirations? What rights? What people? Obama does not say.

In fact, Obama said very little of substance about anything (something that he excels at). He did not even bring up China’s blatant manipulation of its currency, which is costing the U.S. hundreds of billions of dollars a year in trade deficits. All he said about China’s unfair trade practices in general was that “we want to work with China to make sure that everybody is working by the same rules of the road when it comes to the world economic system.” This is like witnessing an armed robbery in progress and merely shaking a finger at the gunman: “You really should play by the same rules as everyone else.”

Vice President Biden, in his commentary, did manage to bring up the question of human rights, although he was hopelessly vague on specifics. Advocacy for human rights is “a fundamental aspect of [American] foreign policy,” he said. America has been “clear about our concern over the areas in which from our perspective conditions in China have deteriorated and about the plight of several very prominent individuals.” He came off sounding apologetic for even bringing up the subject. Moreover, it is perfectly clear to everyone with more than two neurons to rub together that China is becoming more and more of a police state, and that the Obama administration has been mostly silent as Vice President Xi and his partners in crime continue to ruthlessly crush all dissent.

But the emphasis on money über alles went far beyond the repeated — and deferential — mention of America’s trade relationship with China. Xi was taken on a tour of farming facilities in Iowa, before being whisked away to Hollywood to talk to prominent figures in the film, business, and sports industries. The message in the bottle? Please buy our agricultural products and, by the way, please don’t forget to pay royalties on our intellectual property.

China, Inc. pirates billions of dollars in American movies, songs, and software every year. Senior Chinese officials profit.

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*WHY MY EMPLOYEES DON'T WANT FREE BIRTH CONTROL, CONTINUED FROM FRONT COVER*

women aren’t told. Informed consent provisions are simply ignored.”

We at PRI helped to get Norplant taken off the market some years ago, after thousands of women became ill after having the drug-laden capsules implanted under their skin. How many women know this? How many women know that there are currently a number of class action lawsuits going forward in the U.S. against various contraceptives because of the harm they have caused women?

We prosecute athletes for using steroids, we warn elderly ladies about the dangers of Hormone Replacement Therapy, and then we deceive young women like Sandra Fluke into thinking that taking megadoses of powerful, steroid-based drugs to chemically disable their reproductive systems is completely harmless. How could it be?

Of course, the master deceiver in this ongoing drama is President Obama himself, who claims against all reason that birth control is simply “preventative care.”

Really? Every day, doctors across the U.S. perform true preventative care, examining patients for diseases of the reproductive system. They perform pap smears looking for cervical cancer, perform breast exams looking for breast cancer, refer for mammograms, order colonoscopies looking for colon cancer, and give immunizations to prevent pneumonia and influenza.

These time-tested measures are totally different than surgically sterilizing someone, or prescribing a pill to prevent a child from being conceived or developing. Is fertility a disease? Is pregnancy a disease state? Or is the gestation of a child a normal physiological process of the human body? As Peck and Norris have convincingly argued, birth control simply does not qualify as preventative care.

1 Ever the politician, President Obama is now trying to have it both ways. On the one hand, he has not only promised the Sandra Flukes of the world that they can have all the drugs and devices they want for “free,” he is now also trying to convince upset Catholics that their Catholic health care and educational institutions like Georgetown won’t have to pay for them either. “I have ordered the health insurance companies to cover the cost,” he airily assures us.

Of course, the insurance companies will carry out this mandate by simply pass-

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Anti-Catholic “Pontifical Catholic University of Peru”
“Catholic” University Undermines Church Teaching in Latin America

Carlos Polo, Director, PRI Latin America Office

The Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (PUCP) is arguably neither “pontifical” nor particularly “Catholic.” I know because I studied there. Some of my professors were openly anticlerical. None were Catholic or wanted to be.

For those of us who work to promote the Culture of Life, the anti-Catholic bias of the PUCP is even more apparent. Many of the principal promoters of abortion and gender ideology work at the PUCP or in the institutes that depend on it. Many of the radical feminist NGOs receive financial assistance from the PUCP.

Things are so bad that one can say with certainty that there is no abortion-minded organization in Peru that lacks a cozy relationship with the PUCP. For example, at the First Latin American Juridical Congress on Reproductive Rights, held in Arequipa in November of 2009, many of the speakers were from the PUCP. They numbered among the chief and most radical proponents of abortion, gender ideology, lesbian, gay, transgender and bisexual organizations, and similar causes. Needless to say, the event was intentionally and openly anti-Catholic.

The PUCP was the brainchild of the renowned Catholic intellectual, José de la Riva Aguero y Osma (1885–1944), who believed that the Christian faith is not opposed to reason, and that Catholicism and the search for the Truth go hand in hand.

The Vatican has now intervened, and demanded that the PUCP confirm to Ex Corde Ecclesiae, the papal decree on the governance of Catholic universities. That decree gives the Archbishop of Lima — who serves as the Grand Chancellor of the University — the right to participate in the life of the university, to recommend to the Vatican one of three candidates proposed by the University Assembly as rector, and to receive the profession of faith of the rector when he begins his term.

Furthermore, the decree adds that “every bishop has the responsibility to promote the good functioning of the Catholic universities in his diocese, and has the right and obligation to take care to maintain and strengthen its Catholic character.”

As for professors, they must respect Catholic doctrine and morality in their research and teaching. When they are selected for their positions, they must be informed about the Catholic identity of the institution.

If the PUCP decides it does not wish to be Catholic, then legal action will surely ensue. The Catholic church in Peru, backed by the Vatican, has made it clear that it will not relinquish control of the country’s most important university without a fight.

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Update: The Inter-American Court of Human Rights Embraces Homosexuality and Violates the Rights of Children

Carlos Polo, Director, PRI Latin America Office

One would expect a court dedicated to human rights not to violate them. In the case of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (IACHR), however, you would be wrong. That court, in its rush to embrace the homosexual agenda, is trampling on the rights of fathers and children, in particular, on the rights of one father and his three daughters.

The case, deceptively known as “Karen Atala & Daughters vs. Chile,” is one we have discussed before. Karen Atala abandoned her husband and daughters for a homosexual lover. The Chilean Courts rightly responded by awarding custody to the father. Now Atala claims, and the IACHR has now endorsed, the idea that she was a victim of “discrimination based on sexual orientation.” And not only her, but her three daughters as well.

As supposed “victims,” the three daughters should have enjoyed certain rights. They should have enjoyed the rights of one father and his three daughters.

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right to participate in the trial, to be represented by their parents, to have a lawyer to ensure their rights, and the right to testify on their behalf. All these rights were denied them. This alone is enough to have the decision of the IACHR nullified by any court in the world.

Both the father and the Chilean government demanded that the judgment be set aside because of these gross procedural violations. The IACHR, on 29 November 2011, refused, going so far as to state that there were no irregularities in the way the Court handled the matter.

At one point, two of the daughters were secretly brought before the Court by their mother, with whom they were vacationing. The father, who is the legal guardian of the children, was not notified of this until after the fact, but his complaints have been ignored.

The third daughter has also complained to the Court, stating that it has violated her rights. In her written deposition, she maintains that she is not a victim of the decision of the Chilean Supreme Court to award custody to her father. Neither does she agree that her mother was in any way discriminated against because of her homosexuality. Rather, she argues that her father was better able to give them the love and care they needed than their mother, who was either unable or unwilling to give it. Indeed, Karen Atala has publicly stated that she does not identify with motherhood and does not want to take care of her children.

The Court has not yet ruled on the third daughter’s complaint. Throughout these highly irregular proceedings, the Chilean government has remained inexplicably silent.

Given everything that has transpired, I am not optimistic that this girl or her two sisters will receive justice. The leftist ideologues — let us not call them by the title of judges — of the Inter-American Court have made it all too clear that they put invented homosexual rights above the rights of the children in this case. Their decision is imminent, and I am afraid it will be an attempt to expand homosexual rights throughout all the countries of the Americas.

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death, in this case — can’t hurt it. If an Indian couple decides that allowing a girl child to live will impede its well being, they have a perfect right to kill her. Likewise, if the Chinese government decides that too many babies will impede its well-being, well, it has the perfect right to slaughter the innocents, born as well as unborn, by the hundreds of millions.

Understand that this screed was not published on some obscure leftwing website, but in the February 2012 issue of the Journal of Medical Ethics. Neither are the authors wingnuts, at least in the eyes of the world. Both hold academic positions at major universities, and both consider themselves to be experts on bioethics, superbly qualified to lecture the rest of us on matters of life and death. In actuality, they are moral monsters, wandering about in some strange, surreal world that their own darkened reason has created. The culture of death has that effect on people. He whom the Devil would destroy, he first makes mad.

Congressman Christopher Smith is among those who have condemned their proposal: “This preposterous, arbitrary and evil prerequisite for the attainment of legal personhood is not only bizarre—it is inhumane in the extreme. Stripped of its pseudo-intellectual underpinnings, [the authors’] rationale for murdering newborns in the nursery is indistinguishable from any other child predator wielding a knife or gun.

“Children — born and unborn — are precious. Children — sick, disabled or healthy — possess fundamental human rights that no sane or compassionate society can abridge.”

Make no mistake: While we are working very hard to humanize the unborn, using ultrasounds, fetal monitors, and scientific information on fetal development to convince people that these tiny human beings are worth saving, there are those on the other side of this issue who are working just as hard to convince people of the opposite: That they can be killed with impunity and without remorse, before or after birth.

A few short years ago no medical journal would have accepted an article purporting to justify infanticide. Now, after human life has been devalued by 40 years of legalized abortion, such a proposition creates barely a stir, at least among the elites. Remember that no less a figure than President Obama, when he was an Illinois state senator, voted in favor of infanticide.

There is little doubt that without the pro-life movement not only would we have many more abortions in the U.S., we would also have infanticide and euthanasia on a massive scale. There would be no one to oppose the killing of innocents and the elderly.

We must bequeath to our children a culture that respects life, one in which no human being, however small, weak, or aged, will be sacrificed. The alternative is too chilling to contemplate.
Morning-After Pill Distributed to Millions in Europe and Africa
(WomanCare Global) “WomanCare Global announced today that mifepristone [RU-486, the “morning-after” pill] has been added to their reproductive healthcare portfolio. WomanCare Global will provide sales, marketing, provider training and distribution of mifepristone in seven European and seven African countries.

“Linepharma’s mifepristone is labeled for use as a single 200mg tablet of mifepristone to perform medical abortion…

“The planned distribution of mifepristone by WomanCare Global in 14 countries will ensure that close to 55 million women will have another [form of birth control]…

“To date, a European-approved mifepristone has only been available in a limited geographic area,” said WomanCare Global CEO Saundra Pelletier.”

See the Source: http://www.womancareglobal.org/sites/default/files/WCG-MifepristoneAnnouncementFeb82012.pdf

If Everyone Retires at the Same Time, Who Will Pay the Bills?
Robert Arnott, who has spent 20 years studying demographic trends, has some bad news for Boomers. The “sheer number” of Baby Boomers who, like you, are expecting to live on their investment returns in retirement.

“The problem in a nutshell: The ratio of retirees to active workers in the U.S. will balloon. As retirees sell stocks and then bonds to support themselves, there will be fewer younger investors to buy those securities, keeping a lid on prices. Meanwhile, strong demand from Baby Boomers and a limited supply of workers will boost the prices of goods and services the Boomers need.”

All because abortion has decimated the younger generation.

See the Source: "Bad News for Boomers.”
http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204795304577223632111866416.html

Planned Parenthood Fraud And Corruption
A formerly sealed federal “whistleblower” suit against Planned Parenthood was made public on March 9. The suit against a Texas Planned Parenthood affiliate was filed in 2009 by the Alliance Defense Fund on behalf of former Clinic Director Abby Johnson.

The complaint states, “At a late 2008/early 2009 monthly management meeting, Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast, through Members of Planned Parenthood’s Key Management Team, openly acknowledged to Ms. Johnson and others attending this management meeting that Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast had, in fact, been fraudulently billing the Texas WHP program for non-reimbursable products and services but would hope not to get caught and would hide these facts from the United States, the State of Texas, and/or their respective fiscal intermediaries and not provide any reimbursement of monies received…"

According to this statement by ADF, the Texas affiliate now known as Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast, “filed at least 87,075 false, fraudulent, or ineligible claims with the Texas WHP program. As a result, Planned Parenthood wrongfully received and retained reimbursements totaling more than $5.7 million.”

Is anyone surprised? We mean, if they perform abortions for a living, what wouldn’t they do?

See the Source: http://www.adfmedia.org/News/PRDetail/5395

China Cracks Down on Christians
(Crisis Magazine) “Vicious persecution of faithful Chinese Christians who shun state-run ‘churches’ has always been a problem under the communist dictatorship ruling mainland China. But in recent months it has become an even more serious tragedy as believers are terrorized and religious leaders are tortured at increasingly alarming rates. The world…is not doing enough to stop it, according to activists working to expose the abuse.”

See the Source: http://www.crisismagazine.com/2012/chinas-crackdown-on-christians

Academics Advocate “After-Birth Abortion”
(PNCI) “A recent paper, ‘After-birth Abortion: Why Should the Baby Live?’ appears in the electronic version of the Journal of Medical Ethics and deserves careful scrutiny as it uses pro-abortion arguments to support infanticide. This [paper] asserts that children in the womb and newborns are both ‘potential persons’ and that the lives of both can be ended for the same reasons…‘after-birth abortion’ should be permissible if the parents believe it is in their best interest.”

See the Source: http://pncius.org/update.aspx?id=51
China must end brutal one-child policy or face collapse

(Actual)

Mosher in the National Review

From “Sex-Selective Abortions Come Home,”
by Steven Mosher, which appears on the National Review web site.

(Richmond Times-Dispatch) “You’d notice if 160 million women were missing from the U.S. population. You couldn’t help but notice, actually. There aren’t that many females in the whole country.

Yet that’s how many girls have been lost in Asia to the practice of sex-selective abortion…

Mosher, who first reported the brutal one-child policy based upon his on-the-ground research in China in 1980, says, ‘the time to end the one-child policy is now.’

Why Do Feminists Ignore Gendercide?

“Sex-selective abortion is at work in the United States as well. Until recent negative publicity, ‘it was not unusual to find abortionists advertising the availability of sex-selective abortions in newspapers,’ Steven W. Mosher, president of the Population Research Institute, testified at a congressional hearing in December.”


PRI Denounces Inter-American Human Rights Court for Suing Costa Rica

On Feb. 9, the Population Research Institute denounced the Inter-American Human Rights Court for suing Costa Rica last year for the supposed violation of the “reproductive rights” of ten Costa Rican couples suffering from fertility problems.

“In vitro fertilization techniques were outlawed in Costa Rica in 2000.

“The Population Research Institute said the lawsuit against Costa Rica has no basis because no ruling or treaty on human rights recognizes assisted reproduction as a human right. For this reason, Costa Rica merely needs to point out the ‘incompetency of the Court on this issue,’ it said.”

See the Source: http://ewtnnews.com/catholic-news/Americas.php?id=4865

India: Sex-Selective Abortion and Abuse

(CNA) “The case of a two-year-old baby girl in India who was unconscious and covered in human bites when admitted to a local hospital is bringing attention to the issue of sex-selective abortions…

“Carlos Polo, director of the Office for Latin America of the Population Research Institute, told CNA on Feb. 17 that this kind of abuse shows the effects that abortions based on gender discrimination have on society…

“The Population Research Institute’s bulletin from Dec. 14, 2011, reported practices that take place when a family member is pregnant with a baby girl. ‘Her husband and relatives push her, kick her in the stomach, and deny her food, water and rest, all for the purposes of bringing about an abortion,’ the institute said.”

ing the cost through to their policyholders, including PRI. The result is that not only PRI but all Catholics and Christians will wind up paying extra insurance premiums for things that they find morally objectionable.

Such an uncompromising compromise leads me to seriously wonder whether the current occupant of the White House thinks that we are all idiots. More likely, he believes that most Americans don’t pay that much attention to his misdeeds, and that those that do don’t matter because we won’t vote for him anyway. Political calculations are never very far from the surface where Scary Barry is concerned.

A real compromise would remove free birth control, sterilizations and other abortifacient drugs from the preventative care mandate completely. Of course, American women would have the same access to them that they have always had. They would just not be “free,” they would not be part of “preventative care,” and Catholics would not have to pay for them.

There is a final reason that PRI employees are not interested in “free” birth control. It has to do with a cheap, easy and healthy method of family planning that involves no powerful, steroid-based drugs or invasive procedures, and is, in fact, promoted by the Catholic Church. Modern methods of Natural Family Planning or NFP — such as Dr Fehring’s Marquette method, or Dr. Hilgers’ Creighton method, or Dr. Billings’ method — have no unhealthy consequences at all. Instead, they empower women, strengthen marriages, and allow couples to express their sexuality in the natural way that nature, and nature’s God, intended.

All it requires is a little self-control for a few days a month.

At this point, the President’s circle probably dissolves into mocking laughter. It is simply inconceivable to them that anyone could or would practice self-control in matters of sex.

But what human activities don’t require at least a modicum of self-control? Most of us voluntarily abstain from food from time to time, whether we do it for spiritual reasons (it is Lent, after all), or because we don’t like how we look. We work hard to quit smoking and admire those who succeed. We put warning labels on food packages and danger signs on cigarette packages. (Maybe we should put pictures of stroke victims on the covers of birth control pills?) And even those of us who fail in diets and workout regimens admire those who succeed, or at least we pretend to.

Even Barack Obama’s beloved condoms and birth control pills require a certain amount of self-control. How many condoms fall victim to overeager fumbling? How many pills languish in their packets, forgotten in the lust of the moment. Such failures explain why contraception invariably leads to abortion.

We at PRI understand that, despite taking a few days off each month, happily married couples who practice NFP have more and better sex than singles — in lifelong monogamous relationships that are both open to Love and Life and free from disease.

These are lessons that Sandra Fluke, along with all students at Catholic universities, need to be taught. In Fluke’s case, maybe one of her Catholic professors could also mention to her that she shouldn’t expect others to pay for her recreational sex.

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from this illicit trade, while the Obama administration mumbles platitudes.

China is a rich nation as a result of its “beggar thy neighbor” policies, and is growing richer every year. Cheap money, cheap labor, and willingness to violate international agreements gives them an unbeatable advantage in the marketplace.

Meanwhile, we continue to spend ourselves into poverty and are reduced to begging this band of thugs to buy our debt. Hillary Clinton set the tone of this administration in 2009 when she famously assured China that human rights concerns would take a backseat to financial considerations.

Even as the organized crime syndicate that controls China continues to pick our pockets.
**CORRESPONDENCE**

Our articles on the Obama mandate have generated more mail than any other single issue over the years. We publish below a sampling of the letters we have received.

I’m not Roman Catholic, but I agree that free birth control should not be mandated at taxpayer’s expense. Nor should any religious entity be forced to provide such against their beliefs.

How about us taxpayers agreeing to pay taxes to support “chastity belts” instead? It’s “birth control”!

D.P., by e-mail

Excellent! I am forwarding this to many.

A.F., by e-mail

Dear PRI,

We are dealing with cultural revolutionaries in the vein of Robespierre and Pol Pot.

They do not care what Catholic employees or anybody else wants. They don’t want choice, they want their Marxist agenda. They’ve been Gramscian about it [the long march through the institutions] but could go Maoist any minute.

J.M., by e-mail

Dear Editor,

As Sandra Fluke demands free birth control (including the abortion pill) from a Catholic University she is actually advocating taking away health care for others. If Sandra gets free birth control her grandmother may be denied health coverage that could shorten her life. We need to emphasize that Obama has greatly cut Medicare and health care for seniors. And why has no one pointed out that Sandra and other women can already get free birth control from community organizations at taxpayer expense?…

She is getting a free ride at a Catholic University. Sandra shows total lack of gratitude for her blessings. She accepted a scholarship from a Catholic school and thanks it by trying to take away its freedom of religion.

The very idea that an unmarried woman needs birth control violates Church teachings. As a woman educated at some rather liberal universities and well aware of progressive teachings, I do not understand why other women are falling for this self-centered ideology.

S.C., by e-mail

We couldn’t agree more.

The Editor

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Dear PRI,

We need informed consent mandated… and we need to have “preventative care” against Obama.

Hormonal contraceptives are only “preventive care” to New Agers and other neopagans.

Very grateful for your influence!

R.C., by e-mail

Dear Editor:

Magnificent essay but we both know the current specimen occupying the White House is a sophistic politician who would bayonet his mother yesterday if Saul Alinsky ordered him to do so — preferably on live television.

Perhaps we could help save a few souls by exposing and rejecting in the words of St. Paul the anti-Christian, anti-Catholic forces who create, control and perpetuate the Obamas, the Pelosis and the Clintons. God help us.

M.B., by e-mail

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According to this logic, it seems that any American principles can all be cast aside if we want something bad enough. After all, if I want something, I should be able to have it, right? Even if it means stealing it from someone or violating their conscience?

Right? Sandra?

I’m going to be honest, if this is the new American way, I’m a little scared. But hey, at least I get free stuff.

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Fluke Logic: Everyone Should Have Free Stuff
Colin Mason

Several weeks ago, a 30-year-old graduate student went to a fake congressional hearing for a fake cause that ended up causing a giant controversy for mostly fake reasons.

Sandra Fluke, a (who must be some sort of perverse household name by this point) is a 30-year-old graduate student at Georgetown University. Her claim to fame? Failing to worm her way onto a congressional panel discussing the recent HHS contraception mandate. The reason she couldn’t? Committee Chairman Darrell Issa (R-Calif.) said “she lacked expertise.”

In most circles, that would be considered a pretty good reason.

But this didn’t stop Nancy Pelosi, who rigged up a fake hearing to let Fluke have her say. Fluke proceeded to make an emotionally charged case for why the government should force Georgetown to provide contraception … even though they are a Catholic university.

This whole thing would have probably died a natural death if Rush Limbaugh hadn’t decided to make wild, tasteless accusations about Fluke’s sex life. This gave Fluke’s liberal supporters the opportunity to transform her from a pesky nobody into a brave, women’s-rights-championing martyr. Which, in the end, just distracted everyone from the real issue.

The real issue is this: Sandra Fluke isn’t a woman with a cause. She’s a woman who wants something for free. She doesn’t actually care that providing contraception would violate Georgetown’s right to conscience.

She doesn’t care that there are a thousand other ways for college students to acquire cheap contraception. No, Fluke must have her prophylactics, and Georgetown must foot the bill. The end. Nothing she said in her testimony really amounted to anything else.

“Why this column is titled ‘POPcorn’: POP is for population and CORN is American slang for hokum”
— James Arthur Miller, original Popcorn writer

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