

Former Planned Parenthood worker says "We scared pregnant teens into abortion"



In the book *Bad Choices: A Look inside [Planned Parenthood](#)*, former Planned Parenthood worker Lavonne Wilenken describes coercive and biased counseling given by Planned Parenthood workers to teenagers considering abortion. Her testimony adds to the ever-growing pile of evidence that Planned Parenthood has been giving biased and coercive counseling to women for years.

Lavonne Wilenken, who worked as a former nurse practitioner at a Planned Parenthood clinic, told her story back in 1992. Why is it still relevant today? Because it is further evidence that Planned Parenthood has always aggressively promoted abortion as the solution to unplanned pregnancy.

Cecile Richards, current president of Planned Parenthood, whose [salary is around \\$590,000 a year](#), has admitted that, aside from government funds, abortion brings in [86% of Planned Parenthood's income](#). Therefore, it is a huge part of their business and a primary source of revenue.

Wilenken says that when a pregnant teenager came to the clinic but seemed reluctant to have an abortion, the following would happen:

The counselor would say to the teenager, 'Well, where's the \$250,000 that it takes to raise a child in society today?? And 'What are your parents going to say when they find out that you're pregnant?? And 'What is your boyfriend doing? Is he going to help you? Where is he?? and 'How are you going to finish your education if you have a baby? Don't you know you can't go to school if you have a baby?? Things like that, very subtle things that will push the girl over and make her decide.

Then they sort of do a 'Mutt and Jeff' routine. First will come those questions. Next will come the very motherly, the very soothing, 'But we can help you. We can help you out of your problem. Your parents don't have to know. We can help you with the money. You don't have to have any money and we can help you out of your situation because we know that you don't want to be pregnant. You just want to be not pregnant and we know that you know that you can't take care of a baby right now. You know that you're not ready and we want you to do these things when you're ready.' So they play on the emotions of the young girl who scared, frightened, doesn't know where to go, but she's been told this is the place to go to get help.

In this way, the teenager was frightened into consenting to an abortion she might regret for the rest of her life.

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