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David Prentice

David Prentice Has Claimed That Ample Scientific Alternatives To Fetal Tissue Exist...

David Prentice On Fetal Tissue Research: "Ample Scientific Alternatives Exist, And Modern Alternatives Have Overtaken Any Need For Fresh Fetal Tissue." "Ample scientific alternatives exist, and modern alternatives have overtaken any need for fresh fetal tissue. Moreover, the practice of using fetal tissue from induced abortion raises significant ethical problems, not least of which is the nebulous interpretation of the term 'valuable consideration' or compensation for expenses in the harvest and processing of fetal organs and tissues. Taxpayer funding, which is what this discussion is really about, should go to successful, patient-focused alternatives." [[David Prentice Testimony, U.S. House of Representatives, 12/13/18](#)]

... But Even A Scientist Whose Work Prentice Has Previously Cited Said That He Was Startled By Prentice's Assertion

Matthew Brown, A Scientist Whose Research Prentice Had Used To Assert That There Are “Multiple Alternatives” To Fetal Tissue Research, Said That He Was “Startled” By Prentice’s Assertions And That “It Is Not Sound, Scientifically, To Say At This Point.”

“This is older science, using fetal tissue,’ he said. ‘It’s a holdover from the way things have been done in the past, and there are multiple alternatives that are better science, more modern and can give us better answers.’ He has cited research by Matthew Brown, a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Wisconsin at Madison who works on transplant immunology. In an interview, Brown said he was startled by such assertions, which he discovered when colleagues sent him a video of a Heritage Foundation forum where Prentice spoke. His paper, published earlier this year, reported on promising, but early, work about a model for implanting into mice discarded thymus tissue from newborn babies who had undergone surgery. ‘It’s a rigorous paper, but it’s way too early . . . It is not sound, scientifically, to say at this point,’ Brown said.” [[Washington Post, 12/12/18](#)]

Prentice Also Claimed That There Is No “Scientific Necessity” Or “Medical Advantage” For Continued Use Of Fetal Tissue...

David Prentice: “There Is No Scientific Necessity For Continued Use Of Fetal Tissue, And It Presents No Advantage To Medical Research.” “In conclusion, there is no scientific necessity for continued use of fetal tissue, and it presents no advantage to medical research. Taxpayer funds should be redirected to the numerous, modern, more productive scientific alternatives.” [[David Prentice Testimony, U.S. House of Representatives, 12/13/18](#)]

...But Just Two Months Ago, An FDA Spokesperson Said Fetal Tissues Has Been Used “Where It Is Critical To Understanding the Safety of Drugs And Vaccines.” “But an FDA spokesperson told POLITICO that fetal tissue “has been used in situations where it is critical to understanding the safety of drugs and vaccines and in which it couldn’t be feasibly achieved through another means. This work has led to a better understanding of a number of conditions and diseases that affect millions of Americans.”” [[Politico, 9/28/18](#)]

Abby Johnson

Anti-Abortion Activist Abby Johnson Opposes Hormonal Contraception And Claims That It Causes Breast Cancer...

Abby Johnson “Unequivocally” Opposes Hormonal Contraception. “Well, then here’s the kicker. If you believe that life begins at conception, then you MUST unequivocally oppose hormonal contraception. Here’s why. Hormonal contraception does not always prevent ovulation. In fact, many studies done by the birth control manufacturers themselves state that only about half of women using their methods actually cease ovulating.” [[Abby Johnson, LifeSite News, 1/15/14](#)]

Johnson Has Suggested That Breast Cancer Is Inevitable After Using Hormonal Birth Control For An Extended Period Of Time. “This is what women have done to our bodies. By ‘fixing’ something that isn’t broken, we have created even more problems for ourselves. We take birth control to ‘fix’ our fully functioning fertility, and by doing that have seen a dramatic increase in breast and reproductive cancers. That doesn’t even make sense when you think about it. Full disclosure here: I was on some sort of birth control method for 15 years. I have physically suffered because of those methods, including an extended period of infertility. And not to be a downer, but I’m literally just waiting for the day when I will be diagnosed with breast cancer. Not

only do I have family history staring me in the face, but I increased my own risks by using hormonal birth control for 15 years and having two abortions.” [[Abby Johnson, LifeSite News, 12/30/14](#)]

...Johnson Has Also Suggested That Women Suffering From Polycystic Ovary Syndrome Should Undergo Medically Unproven Treatments In Lieu Of Birth Control

Johnson Told Women Suffering From PCOS That They Should Not Take Birth Control, But Instead Opt For A Medically Unproven Treatment Known As Natural Procreative Technology (NaPro). “First, you need to know that you do not have to take birth control. Birth control does not ‘fix’ anything. It only masks an underlying problem that ultimately needs to be treated. Birth control will not treat the problem. And honestly, it’s going to compound your problem...you have PCOS? Great! Let’s take birth control and add some cancer to it. Ladies, we deserve better. And the good news is that if you have these problems, they can actually be treated with something called NaPro Technology.” [[Abby Johnson, LifeSite News, 12/30/14](#)]

- **According To Leading Reproductive Endocrinologists, There Is Little Evidence To Support Napro’s Lofty Claims.** “There’s just one problem. Scant medical evidence supports Hilgers’ lofty statements about pregnancy success rates, according to leading reproductive endocrinologists. Most of the research that Hilgers cites is self--reported; the only peer-reviewed studies are by a NaPro practitioner and medical school professor in Utah. I shared his studies with Dr. David Adamson, a clinical professor at Stanford University and the former president of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine. Adamson pointed out that the studies were small and did not control for variables that might have influenced the results. Those results, Adamson wrote in an email, are ‘not replicated in any other studies and are not believable when compared with multiple good studies.’ What’s more, he said, he hasn’t seen sufficient evidence that NaPro works any better than simply trying to conceive a child by having sex regularly. Hilgers ‘is not practicing evidence-based, 21st-century Western medicine,’ says Dr. Richard Paulson, chief of the reproductive endocrinology and infertility division at the University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine. Paulson points out that while NaPro may be cheaper than IVF, it’s not without cost.” [[Mother Jones, September 2017](#)]

Johnson Also Does Not Believe In Any Exceptions For Abortion

Abby Johnson: “I Am Proudly A No-Exceptions Pro-Lifer.” “I am proudly a no-exceptions pro-lifer. But I haven’t always been. Admittedly, I used to accept the rape/incest exception. My opinion began to change as I met people who had been conceived in rape and saw that their lives deserved the same protection as mine. I came to understand that how a child was conceived had no bearing on their humanity. I also began to understand and reflect on a strange irony...two of them.” [[Abby Johnson, LifeSite News, 6/27/14](#)]

Kathi Aultman

Anti-Choice Activist Kathi Aultman Has Compared Doctors Who Do Not Denounce Abortion To Nazi Physicians

Kathi Aultman Compared Modern Doctors To Nazi Physicians. “As medical doctors and as a society we have moved away from the idea that life is precious and closer to the utilitarian attitude of German physicians just prior to WWII. More and more we are embracing a culture of

death that only values the strong and healthy.” [[Kathi Aultman Testimony, House Of Representatives Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice, 11/1/17](#)]

Aultman Has Claimed That Women Cannot Remain “Unscathed” After An Abortion

Kathi Aultman Peddled The Debunked Claim That “A Woman Cannot Remain Unscathed” After An Abortion. “Kathi Aultman noted that the real harm to patients is done by abortion. ‘As a practicing OB/Gyn of over 35 years and as someone who used to do abortions, I can tell you that women do suffer emotional consequences after an abortion. In fact, unlike what I was led to believe, women who kept their unintended pregnancies tended to do much better than those who chose to abort them. My experience from years of practice, my own experience of having an abortion and the experiences of friends and acquaintances has shown me that a woman cannot remain unscathed after killing her child.’” [[Live Action, 4/30/18](#)]

Grazie Christie

Anti-Abortion Activist Grazie Christie Has Degraded Transgender Individuals

Grazie Christie Claimed That “Going Down The Transgendered Path” Was “Very Risky To Mental Health.” “Going down the transgendered path is not only not a sure ‘cure’ for gender dysphoria, it is actually very risky to mental health. Research has shown that those who live as the opposite sex into adulthood are especially affected by the high rate of mental health problems that affect non-heterosexuals. Transgendered people have a lifetime suicide rate more than eight times higher than the general population. For adults who have had sex-reassignment surgery, the figure jumps to a staggering 19 times. “ [[Grazie Christie, The Federalist, 11/30/16](#)]

Grazie Christie Has Peddled The Claim That Women Who Have An Abortion Are More Likely To Develop Depression, Anxiety, Substance Abuse And Suicidal Behavior

Grazie Christie: “Scientific Studies Have Shown Significantly Increased Risks Of Depression, Anxiety, Substance Abuse, And Suicidal Behavior In Post-Abortive Women.” “Scientific studies have shown significantly increased risks of depression, anxiety, substance abuse, and suicidal behavior in post-abortive women, indicating the procedure may ‘free’ a woman from an unwanted pregnancy, but not from the negative psychological consequences of her choice. Six states require counselors in abortion clinics to inform patients of these risks before the procedure. “ [[Grazie Christie, The Federalist, 4/24/17](#)]

- **According to a 2010 Study Published in Social Science and Medicine, Researchers “Found Little Support for the Abortion-As-Trauma Framework.”** “Because of the potential for confounding, published research claiming to find relations between abortion and poor mental health indicators should be subjected to scrutiny and reanalysis. Using the same data and conducting the same analyses as CCSR (2009), we found that their results were not replicable, nor did our numbers approach theirs in the case of 15 mental health disorders. Moreover, we found little support for the abortion-as-trauma framework. Instead, our findings suggest that structural, psychological, and sociodemographic risk factors associated with both having an abortion and having poor mental health drive a relationship between abortion and mental health. Therefore, policy, practice, and research should focus on addressing the correlates of having mental health problems, such as violence and prior mental health problems.” [Social Science and Medicine,

David Daleiden

David Daleiden Has Been Engaged In Fraud And Charged With A Felony, All In An Attempt To Discredit Planned Parenthood

Daleiden Is Best Known For Engaging In “Repeated Instances Of Fraud.” “Judge Orrick condemned this argument in strong terms: ‘Defendants engaged in repeated instances of fraud, including the manufacture of fake documents, the creation and registration with the state of California of a fake company, and repeated false statements to a numerous NAF representatives and NAF members in order to infiltrate NAF and implement their Human Capital Project. The products of that Project—achieved in large part from the infiltration—thus far have not been pieces of journalistic integrity, but misleadingly edited videos and unfounded assertions (at least with respect to the NAF materials) of criminal misconduct. Defendants did not—as Daleiden repeatedly asserts—use widely accepted investigatory journalism techniques.’” [[Rewire, 7/14/16](#)]

Daleiden Was Previously Charged With A Felony For Tampering With Government Records. “Daleiden, 27, was charged with a misdemeanor for attempting to buy human organs. That charge was dismissed last month on a technicality, U.S. News and World Report says, because prosecutors hadn’t acknowledged that some fees are legally allowed in organ transfers. (If that sounds familiar, just scroll up: it’s reminiscent of Planned Parenthood’s critique of the activists’ video.) Daleiden and Merritt, 63, were also both charged with tampering with government records. The felony charge carried a possible sentence of up to 20 years in prison, The Associated Press reports. The two ‘previously rejected plea deals offering them probation,’ the wire service says.” [[NPR, 7/26/16](#)]

**Note: the charges were later dismissed.*

Congressman Chris Smith (R-NJ)

Anti-Abortion Rep. Chris Smith Has Stated That He Does Not Construe Gay Rights As Human Rights

Rep. Smith Stated During A Congressional Hearing That He Does “Not Construe Homosexual Rights As Human Rights.” “At a Jan. 27 hearing, Smith (R-4th Dist.) said that he did not consider same-sex marriage to be a fundamental human right, as defined by the United Nations or various treaties. ‘I am a strong believer in traditional marriage and do not construe homosexual rights as human rights,’ Smith said at the heading of the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee on Africa, which he chairs. ‘Others have a different view and I certainly respect them.’” [[NJ Politics, 2/5/15](#)]

Smith Has Claimed That Abortion Is “Child Abuse”

Chris Smith Has Claimed That Abortion Is “Child Abuse.” “‘Be encouraged – our cause is right, our faith unshakable; our resolve indomitable. Continue to speak truth to power. Tell the President and lawmakers that abortion methods dismember, chemically poison, or starve to death precious children. Remind them that abortion is child abuse. Tell them of the incredibly

brave post-abortive women, who speak out, and remind us that there are at least two victims in every abortion – mother and child.” [[Press Release, Chris Smith, 1/22/09](#)]

Scientists Outwardly Disagree With March For Life’s “Pro-Life Is Pro-Science” Claims

University Of California, San Diego Neuroscientist Lawrence Goldstein On Anti-Abortion Activists Decrying Fetal Tissue Research: “I’m Worried That The Federal Government Will Be Hijacked By A Vocal Minority To Cease Supporting A Valuable Area.” “The segment of the community that’s against this type of the research has been there all along, but it’s just emboldened by this administration,’ said Lawrence Goldstein, a University of California, San Diego neuroscientist who uses fetal cells in his research. ‘This sort of thing has a chilling effect.’ ... But some researchers say that anti-abortion advocates’ steadfast — and increasingly vocal — opposition to fetal tissue research doesn’t support their ‘pro-science’ slogan. Moreover, they’re concerned that the opposition might derail the U.S. government’s support for pivotal science. ‘I’m worried that the federal government will be hijacked by a vocal minority to cease supporting a valuable area,’ Goldstein, the neuroscientist, said.” [[Stat News, 1/15/19](#)]

- **Goldstein: “For Now, And For The Near Future, Fetal Tissue Has A Vital Role To Play In Medical Research.”** “There may be a day in the distant future where fetal tissue won’t be necessary,’ said Goldstein, ‘but for now, and for the near future, fetal tissue has a vital role to play in medical research.’” [[Stat News, 1/15/19](#)]

The Chief Scientific Officer Of The American Association Of Medical Colleges Stated That “Research With Fetal Tissue Has Improved Millions Of Lives Through The Development Of Vaccines” And “Treatments For Debilitating Diseases.” “Research with fetal tissue has improved millions of lives through the development of vaccines against polio, rubella, measles, chickenpox, adenovirus, rabies; and treatments for debilitating diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis, cystic fibrosis, and hemophilia,’ said Dr. Ross McKinney, the chief scientific officer of the American Association of Medical Colleges.” [[Stat News, 1/15/19](#)]

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