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New Fetal Tissue Ethics Panel Includes Three Employees Of The Charlotte Lozier Institute — The Research Arm Of An Anti-Abortion Extremist Group

February 2020: Trump’s HHS Announced The Formation Of A New “Human Fetal Tissue Ethics Advisory Board”

February 22, 2020: HHS Posted To The Federal Register A Notice Announcing The Formation Of And Call For Nominations To The New Advisory Board, To Be Housed Within The National Institute for Health (NIH)

HHS Posted The Announcement “HHS Notice of Committee Establishment, Notice of Intent To Convene, and Call for Nominations for the NIH Human Fetal Tissue Research Ethics Advisory Board for Fiscal Year 2020”. [[Federal Register, 2/22/20](#)]

July 2020: A Federal Register Notice Was Posted Announcing The First Public Meeting Of The Advisory Board

July 15, 2020: HHS Posted To The Federal Register A Notice Announcing The First Public Meeting Of The Advisory Board

HHS Posted A Notice, “Notice of Meeting; NIH Human Fetal Tissue Research Ethics Advisory Board-FY2020” To Be Hosted With NIH On July 31, 2020. [[Federal Register, 7/15/20](#)]

July 31, 2020: Hours Before The First Public Meeting Commenced, The Names Of The Advisory Board Members — Including Three Charlotte Lozier Institute Employees (CLI) — Were Posted To The NIH Website

The Human Fetal Tissue Research Ethics Advisory Board Names Were Posted To The NIH Website Shortly Before The First Meeting Began.

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[[National Institutes of Health, accessed 7/31/20](#)]

Dr. David Prentice Is One Of Three Members Of The Fetal Tissue Ethics Advisory Board Employed By CLI, The Research Arm Of Susan B. Anthony List

David Prentice is [Vice President and Research Director of CLI](#). Prentice is an anti-abortion biochemist who has used his work in the field to advocate against research using [stem cells](#) and [fetal tissue](#). In 2018, after failing to [adequately disclose his ties to CLI](#), he [testified](#) before Congress that “ample scientific alternatives [to fetal tissue research] exist” and that such research is no longer needed— these are claims which notable scientists have [sharply denied](#) — including a [researcher whose work Prentice cited](#).

CLI’s Vice President And Research Director, David Prentice, Was Invited By The House GOP To Testify Before Congress On Fetal Tissue Research In December 2018

Media Matters: The House Oversight Hearing On Fetal Tissue Research Alternatives Allowed Two CLI Researchers To “Recycle Anti-Choice Misinformation And Right Wing Lies.” “The House oversight subcommittee on health care held a hearing on December 13 about “Alternatives to Fetal Tissue Research” that was largely driven by allegations from anti-abortion groups. The hearing not only recycled anti-choice misinformation and right-wing lies, but also failed to disclose the anti-choice ties of several key witnesses -- a fact that was magnified on social media by various anti-abortion organizations promoting the hearing. During the December 13 [hearing](#), two of the three witnesses represented CLI -- but only one disclosed this anti-choice affiliation. While Tara Sander Lee was correctly [identified](#) as an associate scholar at CLI, her colleague David Prentice was not -- despite serving as the vice president and research director of CLI [since 2015](#). This fact was [omitted](#) from panel testimony, Republican member questioning, and even [social media promotion](#) of the [panel](#) by CLI and its

allies. During the hearing, Prentice [was instead introduced](#) and referred to as an advisory board member at the Midwest Stem Cell Therapy Center.” [[Media Matters, 12/14/18](#)]

- **SBA List Issued A Press Release About the Hearing Claiming Tara Sander Lee And David Prentice As Their Own.** “SBA List’s [press release](#) about the panel also omits Prentice’s CLI affiliation, and regarding his advisory board member position it includes the disclaimer ‘Title is for identification purposes only.’ However, in an email to supporters about the hearing, SBA List [wrote](#) that the organization was ‘proud’ to have had ‘two exceptional scholars from our research arm, Charlotte Lozier Institute (CLI)’ speak.” [[Media Matters, 12/14/18](#)]

During His Testimony, David Prentice Claimed That Ample Scientific Alternatives To Fetal Tissue Research Exist And That There Is No Medical Advantage To Such Research...

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 He 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](#)]

... And An FDA Spokesperson Stated That HHS Doesn’t Even Know If Any Adequate Potential Alternatives Exist

Despite A \$20 Million Funding [Opportunity](#), HHS Doesn’t Even Know If Any Potential Alternatives Exist. “An HHS spokesperson said the review is ongoing. ‘HHS is continuing to review whether adequate alternatives exist to the use of human fetal tissue in HHS funded research and will ensure that efforts to develop such alternatives are funded and accelerated,’ spokesperson Caitlin Oakley said.” [[Politico Pro, 12/10/18](#)]

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](#)]

Prentice Failed To Disclose That CLI Was His Employer — As Well As His Colleague Tara Sander Lee’s — Prior To Testifying Before Congress...

The Congressional Witness List Failed To Acknowledge That Prentice Is CLI’s VP And Research Director — Meaning Two Of The Three Witnesses Were From The Same Organization, An “Irregular” Move. “An unusual wrinkle: Prentice is [also](#) the Charlotte Lozier Institute's vice president and research director — an affiliation that is missing from the witness list and the institute's [own](#) release about the hearing, as of PULSE press time. It's irregular for two witnesses affiliated with the same advocacy organization to testify at the same hearing, as lawmakers usually try to demonstrate broad support for a policy. [[POLITICO Pulse, 12/13/18](#)]

...But During His Testimony, Prentice Referenced CLI As A Chance To Tout His “Non-Controversial Stem Cell Research” Work There

David Prentice Touts The Anti-Abortion Charlotte Lozier Institute’s Website “StemCellResearchFacts.Org” In His Testimony. “A 2015 review found that as of December 2012, over one million patients had been treated with adult stem cells. The review only addressed hematopoietic (blood-forming) adult stem cells, not other adult stem cell types, so this is a significant underestimate of the patients who have benefitted from adult stem cell therapies. A public face for such patients can be found at the educational website [stemcellresearchfacts.org](#), where patients successfully treated with noncontroversial adult stem cells tell their stories in short video vignettes, backed by peer-reviewed publications.” [[David Prentice Testimony, U.S. House of Representatives, 12/13/18](#)]

Prentice, In Line With SBA List, Has Been Among Those Countering COVID-19 Vaccines Using Fetal Tissue

David Prentice Called COVID-19 Vaccine Programs Using Fetal Tissue Unethical. “David Prentice, vice president and research director at the Charlotte Lozier Institute, which opposes abortion, notes researchers making adenovirus vaccines have modified HEK-293 cells to be adept at packaging new genes—such as those that direct cells to assemble the coronavirus spike protein—into adenoviruses. But he adds that other technologies are available, including using cells captured from amniocentesis that are engineered to make replication-deficient adenoviruses. ‘The use of cells from electively aborted fetuses for vaccine production makes

these five COVID-19 vaccine programs unethical, because they exploit the innocent human beings who were aborted,' Prentice and a co-author—molecular biologist James Sherley, a Lozier Institute associate scholar and director of the adult stem cell company Asymmetrex—wrote [in a position paper](#) published last month.” [[Science Mag, 6/5/20](#)]

Susan B. Anthony List Was Among The Applauded Anti-Abortion Congressmembers’ Defense Of Fetal Tissue Research Bans During COVID-19 Pandemic...

SBA List President Marjorie Dannenfelser Praised Anti-Abortion Lawmakers’ Efforts To Maintain Fetal Tissue Restrictions, Claiming That Alternative, “Ethical” Research Is Available To Find A COVID Cure. “Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of the pro-life Susan B. Anthony list, praised the efforts by members of Congress and accused the abortion industry of exploiting ‘fears surrounding the pandemic to promote an extreme abortion agenda.’... they insist that unethical experiments involving aborted baby body parts are necessary to find a cure for the coronavirus, ignoring the wide variety of ethical options already available and under development.” [[National Review, 4/16/20](#)]

...As A Reminder, SBA List Had The Trump Administration’s Ear In Rolling Back Fetal Tissue Research In The First Place

Anti-Abortion Groups Including SBA List And Its Research Arm Influenced Trump Administration’s Targeting Of Fetal Tissue Research. “Since HHS announced in late September a wide-ranging audit of the use of fetal tissue in federally funded research, groups that have long sought to outlaw its use say they are finally being heard. They view such research as morally repugnant and unnecessary because they contend other techniques can be used — an assertion many scientists reject. ‘This is a pro-life administration,’ said David Prentice, vice president and research director of the antiabortion Charlotte Lozier Institute, who said members of his group and the affiliated Susan B. Anthony List have met with Pence to press their case. ‘It’s just nice to have someone who will listen and not just close the door in your face.’” [[Washington Post, 12/12/18](#)]

Dr. Maureen Condic, CLI Associate Scholar, Is Another Advisory Board Pick

Dr. Maureen Condic is an [associate scholar at the Charlotte Lozier Institute](#). She has served within the Trump administration before as a [member](#) of the National Science Foundation’s oversight body. Condic has [testified](#) before Congress in favor of extremist abortion bans; Condic was also [involved](#) in the discredited 2016 Planned Parenthood fetal tissue congressional investigation as a scientific advisor.

Condic Has Existent Ties To The Trump Administration

Condic Serves On The Board Of Trump’s Oversight Body To The National Science Foundation. “On Wednesday, the National Science Foundation (NSF) will welcome the first cohort of members appointed by President Donald Trump to its oversight body, the National Science Board. [Most of the seven](#) fit the mold of senior academic leaders, prominent scientists, and corporate research managers who typically sit on the 24-member board. But Maureen Condic is somewhat different.” [[Science Mag, 11/26/18](#)]

Condic Has Questioned Scientists Who Have Vested Interests In Policy Outcomes — Yet She Has Actively Opposed Abortion Before Congress

Condic Has Questioned Scientists' Role In Policymaking If They Have A "Vested Interest In The Outcome"...

Condic Said She Questions Scientists' Input In Policymaking, Especially If They Have A Vested Input In The Outcome. "I'm very much an advocate for broader public input on science policy, and less reliance on the opinions of scientists who have a vested interest in the outcome," Condic told ScienceInsider in an interview shortly after her appointment was announced. "We tend to take the attitude that what scientists say is good for their enterprise is good for society. But that may not be true." [[Science Mag, 11/26/18](#)]

...Yet Condic's Anti-Abortion Ideology Has Actively Driven Her Congressional Testimony On Topics Including Abortion Bans And Fetal Tissue Research

Condic Has Vocally Opposed Fetal Tissue And Stem Cell Research Before Congress. "An associate professor of neurobiology at The University of Utah in Salt Lake City, Condic works in spinal cord regeneration, a field NSF does not fund. Bioethics is a passion of hers, and she has weighed in publicly on highly partisan debates in Congress over the use of human fetal tissue from elective abortions and embryonic stem cells in research—issues on which the science board defers to other federal agencies." [[Science Mag, 11/26/18](#)]

In 2013, Condic Testified Before The House Judiciary Committee In Favor Of An Extremist Abortion Ban. "Condic's first major appearance on the policy stage came in 2013, when she testified at a U.S. House of Representatives hearing in favor of a proposed nationwide ban on abortions starting at 20 weeks after fertilization. (The Supreme Court has upheld the right to an abortion through the second trimester, or 24 weeks after conception.) A key premise of the bill, which twice passed the Republican-led House but was never taken up by the Senate, is that a fetus can feel pain at as early as 8 weeks. Appearing before the House Judiciary Committee's civil justice panel, Condic asserted that an 8-week-old fetus can experience pain, a claim [many fetal development experts dispute.](#)" [[Science Mag, 11/26/18](#)]

Condic Was Also Involved In The Discredited 2016 Planned Parenthood Fetal Tissue Congressional Investigation

Condic Provided Scientific Advice To House Republicans As They Investigated Since-Debunked Claims Planned Parenthood Had Profited Off Of Fetal Tissue. "Condic's next foray into biopolicymaking came in 2016, when she provided scientific advice to an investigation launched by House Republicans opposed to the use in biomedical research of human fetal tissue from elective abortions that would otherwise be discarded. That use is legal under a 1993 law. A special House investigative panel, led by then-Representative (now Senator-elect) Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), was looking into media allegations that Planned Parenthood had illegally profited in obtaining fetal tissue from legal abortions for medical research." [[Science Mag, 11/26/18](#)]

Dr. Ingrid Skop, CLI Associate Scholar, Is Another Advisory Board Pick

Dr. Ingrid Skop is an [associate scholar at the Charlotte Lozier Institute](#). She has [served as chairman-elect](#) of the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians & Gynecologists (AAPLOG). AAPLOG uses their members' medical certifications to push false information regarding abortion and contraception. Skop has used her positions to do the same.

Skop Has Served As Chairman-Elect Of The American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians & Gynecologists (AAPLOG), A Position She's Used To Dispute Access To Abortion Care

Skop's CLI Bio Notes Skop's Role On AAPLOG's Board. "Dr. Skop is a Fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and a Board Member of the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AAPLOG)." [[Lozierinstitute.org](https://www.lozierinstitute.org), accessed 7/28/20]

From Her Position At AAPLOG, Skop Has Protested The Use Of Safe Medication Abortion Pills. "Ingrid Skop, an OB-GYN based in San Antonio and chairman-elect of the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians & Gynecologists, expressed concerns about women with ectopic pregnancies obtaining abortion pills from providers that don't meet the FDA's criteria. 'The first pill does nothing to end a tubal pregnancy, and tubal pregnancies rupture the tube,' Skop said. 'A woman who orders it online without the provision of a doctor is going to have no idea if she has an ectopic pregnancy.'" [[USA Today](https://www.usatoday.com), 6/26/19]

- **"Abortion With Pills Has Proved To Be A Relatively Safe, Easy Option During The Early Stages Of Pregnancy, According To The FDA."** [[USA Today](https://www.usatoday.com), 6/26/19]

Skop Has Claimed With No Evidence That Abortion Pills Pose Risk Four Times Greater Than Surgical Abortion. "According to Dr. Ingrid Skop in the Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons, the abortion pill poses a four-times higher risk of complication than surgical abortion in the first trimester." [[Live Action](https://www.liveaction.org), 7/27/20]

AAPLOG Pushes Insufficient And False Medical Claims To Support Its Anti-Abortion Agenda, And Attacks Against Reputable Medical Groups

AAPLOG Supports Laws Which Require Mandatory Ultrasounds As Medically Necessary For Abortion, Contradictory To The Views Of Major Medical Groups

AAPLOG Supports Laws Which Require Mandatory Ultrasounds Before Abortions On The Grounds It Is Medically Necessary. "Therefore, the acceptable standard of care would be to obtain a sonogram evaluation of the pregnancy before performing a significant medical or surgical procedure on a pregnant woman. 1. American College of Radiology (ACR) practice guideline for the performance of obstetrical ultrasound. In: ACR practice guidelines and technical standards." [[AAPLOG.org](https://www.aaplog.org), Accessed 8/28/19]

- **The American Association Of Obstetricians And Gynecologists Stands Firmly Against Ultrasound Laws For Violating Patient Privacy And Mandating An Unnecessary Procedure.** [[ACOG.org](https://www.acog.org), Accessed 8/28/19]
- **NARAL: "Forcing A Patient To Undergo A Medically Unnecessary Procedure Is Unethical And Demeaning, But That's Exactly What Mandatory Ultrasound Laws Do To Women Seeking Abortion Care."** [[ProChoiceAmerica.org](https://www.prochoiceamerica.org), Accessed 8/28/19]

AAPLOG Treats Contraception As Abortion

AAPLOG Executive Director Donna Harrison Co-Authored A Paper Which Claimed That Hormonal Birth Control Causes Abortion. “Researchers Donna Harrison, Cara Buskmiller, and Monique Chireau published ‘Systematic Review of Ovarian Activity and Potential for Embryo Formation and Loss during the Use of Hormonal Contraception’ in the January 2019 Linacre Quarterly, a peer-reviewed publication of the Catholic Medical Association. Having examined scientific papers dating back to 1990 that studied the use of hormonal contraception, they found evidence that high levels of estrogen and progesterin hormones, which circulate when ovaries produce ova, are accompanied by the conception of embryonic babies who die.” [[LifeSite News, 3/29/19](#)]

AAPLOG Equates Emergency Contraceptives And IUDs With Abortion. “The American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AAPLOG) says that Plan B can lead to ‘embryo death’ by preventing implantation and that “IUDs work by either killing the embryo or by preventing the embryo from implanting.” [[Guttmacher Policy Review, 12/09/14](#)]

As A Reminder, The Charlotte Lozier Institute Is An Anti-Abortion Group With Questionable Research Practices

CLI Summary

The Charlotte Lozier Institute (CLI) is the “[research and education](#)” arm of Susan B. Anthony List (SBA List). Their self-described mission is “to promote deeper public understanding of the value of human life, motherhood, and fatherhood, and to identify policies and practices that will protect life and serve both women’s health and family well-being.” This translates into pushing [alarmist narratives about later abortions](#), publishing [annual reports applauding state-level abortion restrictions](#), [spreading lies about research employing fetal tissue](#), and [advocating for deceptive anti-abortion centers](#). Their “experts” also conduct SBA List’s bidding by [testifying before Congress](#) and [speaking on panels](#) at other extremist anti-abortion organizations.

CLI’s influence in Washington and general treatment as an independent think tank is alarming given it is an outfit of SBA List — and that despite being founded as the “[anti-abortion counter](#)” to the well-established Guttmacher Institute, it still relies on Guttmacher for data that health centers won’t [give](#) to CLI.

CLI’s President, Charles Donovan, Is An Anti-Abortion, Anti-LGBTQ Extremist Who Claimed Gay Marriage Weakens Civil Society And Was Against Obamacare, Which Provides Comprehensive Reproductive Care

Donovan Claimed Rape Was Never A Reason Women Obtained Later Abortions.

“Consequently, not only were threats to the life of the mother or serious fetal anomaly not given as reasons — issues abortion rights activists have long claimed are the main reasons why late-term abortions are performed — but neither was rape. “The recent failure of the House of Representatives to act on the Pain-Capable legislation is doubly tragic because the law is hung up over an issue that is a) unjust and b) likely a null set,” Chuck Donovan, president of the Charlotte Lozier Institute, told Breitbart News. “Neither of the two most comprehensive studies of the reasons women seek late-term abortions includes an act of rape as a rationale,” he continued. “In fact, the reasons women typically cite are similar in nature to the reasons women have abortions generally – economic circumstances, lack of support from the father, or future education concerns.” “None of these is trivial, but none is worth the taking of a human life either,” Donovan added. “If an unborn child conceived in rape happens to make it to the sixth

month, being killed in an abortion will be as painful for him or her as for any other baby. And the risk to the mother's health from the abortion will be greater than carrying the baby to term." [\[Breitbart, 2/28/15\]](#)

Donovan Said Gay Marriage Would “Undercut And Accelerate The Weakening Of Civil Society And The Freedoms It Guarantees.” “The importance of marriage as a pre-political institution that confers immense benefits by wedding mothers and fathers in the cooperative task of raising children is demonstrated with increasing force every passing year. The health of families is central to the health—and wealth—of nations. No institution of civil society accomplishes more than the family unit, enduring over time and building bonds across generations, to undergird civil society. At the same time, a vibrant civil society of core institutions—family, church, and voluntary associations—provides the surest bulwark against the relentless expansion of the state. If the last four decades teach us anything, it is that the growing separation of fathers, mothers, and children through out-of-wedlock childbearing and assaults on cultural norms invites massive state interventions in the name of alleviating poverty, crime, educational decline, and other ills. These interventions, in turn, frequently undercut and accelerate the weakening of civil society and the freedoms it guarantees. Marriage matters, therefore, because of its irreplaceable role in ‘nurturing children, providing them with mothers and fathers, and building and maintaining relationships’ among them. It ‘is a fundamental institution necessary for societal existence and well-being’ that only the most arrogant of activist courts would presume to redefine for all Americans.” [\[Daily Signal, 7/16/10\]](#)

Donovan Claimed That Obamacare “Fails To Adequately Protect The Conscience Rights Of Health Care Insurers, Providers, And Personnel.” “The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA)[1] contains several provisions that weaken longstanding federal policy denying public subsidies for elective abortion and health care plans that provide coverage of elective abortion. In addition, PPACA fails to adequately protect the conscience rights of health care insurers, providers, and personnel who decline to provide, pay for, provide coverage of, or refer for abortions.[2]” [\[Chuck Donovan, Heritage Foundation, 1/19/11\]](#)

CLI Bills Itself As A Think Tank But Lies About Proven Medical Science

CLI Has Quoted A Scientist Saying That Fetal Tissue Research Has Made A “Negligible Contribution To Science”.... “Abortion opponents argue that research using fetal tissue is not only morally wrong, but also unnecessary. The anti-abortion Charlotte Lozier Institute [quotes a scientist](#) who claims that ‘fetal tissue from abortions is making a negligible contribution to science.’ Mainstream scientists disagree. Biochemist Thomas Baldwin, president of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology, in a [letter](#) to the House and Senate appropriations committees, wrote that ‘research using fetal tissue and embryonic stem cells advances scientific knowledge, improves human health, and saves lives.’ [\[Pacific Standard Magazine, 9/28/17\]](#)

...But Fetal Tissue Research Has Made “Major Contributions” For “Vaccines” And Continues To Be “Necessary For Medical Advances” For The Zika Virus And Other Diseases. “Fetal tissue research has made major contributions to the understanding of biology and the development of new medical technologies, including vaccines that have saved millions of lives. Cells from human fetal tissue were used in the development of several therapeutics in current use, as well as the ongoing production of critical vaccines (Wadman, 2017).... Below, we outline examples of how the use of fetal tissue has led to therapies that have saved lives as well as ways in which fetal tissue research continues to be necessary for medical advances. 1.

Parkinson disease 2. Huntington disease 3. Blindness 4. Pregnancy 5. Zika Virus 6. HIV 7. Vaccines 8. Diabetes.” [International Society for Stem Cell Research, 2/17]

- **The Scientific Community Argues That Fetal Tissue Is Unique.** “There are no alternatives that can, today, serve all the same purposes as the controversial technology. ‘The consensus is that there are certain things about fetal tissue that make [it] unique,’ said Paul Knoepfler, a professor at the University of California, Davis, School of Medicine. ‘Certain experiments can really only be done on actual fetal tissue.’” [STAT News, 12/17/18]
 - **It's Not As Though Scientists Started Researching Alternatives Yesterday And Just Need More Time — They've Been Trying To Do So For Decades.** “[Alternatives] are less politically controversial — in some states, it is illegal to do any research on fetal tissue, and using other kinds of tissue can make it easier for scientists to collaborate. Researchers have been working on developing tools that do not depend on fetal tissue for decades.” [STAT News, 12/17/18]

CLI Published A Paper Falsely Labeling ‘Plan B’ As A Dangerous “Abortifacient” And A “Shrewd Marketing Scheme.” “Plan B is not only a potential abortifacient, it is also part of a shrewd marketing scheme: Various studies demonstrate that after a single act of intercourse, without contraception, 7.2 to 8 percent of women may be expected to become pregnant. In contrast, pregnancy rates among women using “emergency contraception” (Yuzpe method, Plan B, Preven, etc.) are “reduced” to 1.9 percent. Note what this really says: Following a single act of unprotected intercourse, fewer than eight in 100 women will actually become pregnant. With Plan B, not more than two of these eight women will become pregnant — meaning the product is only about 75% ‘effective.’ By exploiting fears of pregnancy after non-contracepted sex (among, say, 100 women), the manufacturers of Plan B and similar drug kits can sell their product to 100 buyers, including 92 who don’t even ‘need’ it, and 94 who derive no benefit. Talk about a massive consumer over-sell. More importantly, however, how many girls and women will be harmed by taking high dosages of steroid hormones (1.50 mg levonorgestrel per tablet, Plan B One-Step), and with the potential for multiple exposures between menarche and menopause? Levonorgestrel is a totally synthetic progestogen. Once ingested, the potency of synthetic hormones may be much greater than their measurable concentrations suggest.” [Lozier Institute, 5/3/13]

The Charlotte Lozier Institute Poses As An Independent Research Think Tank —But In Reality, CLI Is An Extremist Anti-Abortion Group Run By SBA List

The Atlantic: Charlotte Lozier “Shares An Office With Susan B. Anthony List,” But David Prentice Doesn’t “Think It Compromises [His] Objectivity.” “...the Charlotte Lozier Institute [is] a relatively new D.C. think tank that seeks to bring ‘the power of science, medicine, and research to bear in life-related policymaking, media, and debates.’ The organization, which employs a number of doctors and scholars on its staff, shares an office with Susan B. Anthony List, a prominent pro-life advocacy organization. ‘I don’t think it compromises my objectivity, or any of our associate scholars,’ said David Prentice, the institute’s vice president and research director. Prentice spent years of his career as a professor at Indiana State University and at the Family Research Council, a conservative Christian group founded by James Dobson. ‘Any time there’s an association with an advocacy group, people are going to make assumptions,’ he said. ‘What we have to do is make our best effort to show that we’re trying to put the objective science out here.’ [The Atlantic, 1/18/18]

CLI Is Often Treated As An Independent Think Tank, When Really Extremist SBA List Calls The Shots. “Though it is often treated as an impartial research organization by other anti-choice groups, the Charlotte Lozier Institute (CLI) is actually operated by the anti-abortion group Susan B. Anthony List. CLI was created by SBA List in 2011 and has remained part of the organization -- filing its federal 990 tax forms as the “Susan B. Anthony List Education Fund” and running Facebook ads for SBA List during the 2018 midterm elections. CLI’s anti-abortion work involves putting ‘expert testimony before legislatures across the U.S. on the reality of pain in the unborn’ and helping anti-abortion fake health clinics with research to maximize their ‘outreach and effectiveness.’” [[Media Matters, 12/14/19](#)]

CLI Has Met With And Provided Information To Trump Administration Officials, Including VP Mike Pence And OASH Chief Of Staff Steven Valentine

Washington Post: Anti-Abortion Groups’ Influence On Pro-Life Trump Administration Crystallized With Targeting Of Fetal Tissue Research. “Since HHS announced in late September a wide-ranging audit of the use of fetal tissue in federally funded research, groups that have long sought to outlaw its use say they are finally being heard. They view such research as morally repugnant and unnecessary because they contend other techniques can be used — an assertion many scientists reject. ‘This is a pro-life administration,’ said David Prentice, vice president and research director of the antiabortion Charlotte Lozier Institute, who said members of his group and the affiliated Susan B. Anthony List have met with Pence to press their case. ‘It’s just nice to have someone who will listen and not just close the door in your face.’” [[Washington Post, 12/12/18](#)]

- **After Ordering a National Institutes of Health Lab To Pause Their Acquisition Of Fetal Tissue, Cancer Researchers Left With Weeks To Figure Out How To Continue With Their Projects.** “HHS has “paused” the acquisition of fetal tissue at a National Institutes of Health lab doing HIV research in Montana and told an investigator with the University of California at San Francisco that it would not renew a \$2 million deal for testing possible HIV treatments nationwide in research mice — before backing off and agreeing to a 90-day extension. NIH officials said a total of three research projects are affected by the pause. The two others disclosed for the first time are labs at the National Eye Institute and the National Cancer Institute. Cancer researchers will need more fetal tissue by the end of January, and the eye study will need more by the end of February, said a spokeswoman.” [[Washington Post, 12/12/18](#)]

Susan B Anthony List Staffers Directly Forwarded Anti-Abortion Information To OASH Chief Of Staff Steven Valentine From CLI President Chuck Donovan

From: Autumn Christensen (b)(6)@sba-list.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 8:32 PM
To: Valentine, Steven (HHS/IOS)
Subject: FW: PP and Eugenics Fact Sheet
Attachments: Planned Parenthood and Eugenics.docx

PP and Eugenics

From: Chuck Donovan
Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 5:14 PM
To: Autumn Christensen (b)(6)@sba-list.org>; Genevieve Plaster (b)(6)@lozierinstitute.org>
Subject: PP and Eugenics Fact Sheet

Sanger's support for parenting permits and forced-segregation-or-sterilization (plus immigration restriction) are the strongest marks of her ruthlessness and illiberality. She was not so much bigoted against certain races as what Angela Franks has called an "elite bigot." To her those of lesser intelligence, poor, on welfare, or the sick of every race were to be governed and limited in their reproductive capacity and even general freedom by elite determinists in society. She thought this way and published the writing of even worse men who agreed with her negative eugenist views and wrote and passed laws to carry them out.

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From: Valentine, Steven (HHS/IOS)
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 3:12 PM
To: Autumn Christensen
Subject: RE: PP Material for HHS

Thanks!

From: Autumn Christensen (b)(6)@sba-list.org]
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 2:34 PM
To: Valentine, Steven (HHS/IOS)
Subject: Fwd: PP Material for HHS

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Chuck Donovan (b)(6)@lozierinstitute.org>
Date: May 10, 2017 at 1:58:19 PM EDT
To: Autumn Christensen (b)(6)@sba-list.org>
Cc: Genevieve Plaster (b)(6)@lozierinstitute.org>
Subject: PP Material for HHS

Time is getting short to write new materials and GP has been engaged as an expert resource in individual meetings today, so here are links to a few items we've written:

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