

# Teenwire.com: Controversy over Planned Parenthood Prom Advice to Girls

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(Even Dr. Ruth blasts Planned Parenthood Federation of America.)

And next up, **Planned Parenthood** wants to send your teenagers off to **prom night** with confetti and **condoms** and suggests that having **oral sex** may be a good way to prevent pregnancy. We're going to ask renowned sex educator **Dr. Ruth Westheimer** if Planned Parenthood is leading our kids down the wrong path.

**SCARBOROUGH:** All right, for most parents, prom night means fancy dinners, limo rides and pretty dresses, but you could be surprised at what Planned Parenthood has in mind for the big night. According to teenwire.com, which is sponsored by Planned Parenthood, what your kid really needs is a prom survival kit, containing breath mints, confetti, condoms, and \$10 contraceptive services coupons.

We have got Dr. Ruth Westheimer. She is, of course, a sex educator and Wendy Wright, senior policy director for Concerned Women for America.

Dr. Ruth, let's begin with you.

Should adults at Planned Parenthood really be prepping teenagers on how to engage in anal sex?

**DR. RUTH WESTHEIMER, SEX THERAPIST:** Joe, you know very well what I'm going to say to you. The answer is absolutely no, because, first of all, what they have to do is to make sure that everybody has sexuality education and not to say, here is a condom. Go out and do it.

Now, I don't know who found that Web site, and I don't know how many people really know about it. But you, Joe, are responsible that now, many more people think that people like myself would say, yes, give out condoms and tell kids to do whatever they want to. I'm saying, if a young person decides to be sexually active, yes, go to Planned Parenthood. But don't turn that around and say, here is a condom, and God forbid, if you don't use it, it's been wasted.

But you, Joe, are responsible for that. So loud and clear, everybody have a great time at prom night. Kiss and hug and hold hands and go home to sleep.

(LAUGHTER)

**SCARBOROUGH:**

OK, Dr. Ruth. You know what? I didn't make this stuff up. Planned Parenthood did. I don't think I'm responsible for the Web site.

But let me bring in Wendy Wright.

Wendy, here's some more advice from the Planned Parenthood Web site. And, obviously, they're a very respected organization in many political quarters. They say: "Condoms help protect your partner during vaginal or anal intercourse. To be effective, they must be used with every partner every time you have intercourse."

Respond. This is to teenagers, after all.

**WENDY WRIGHT, SENIOR POLICY DIRECTOR, CONCERNED WOMEN FOR AMERICA:**

And, you know, I ran this Web site by a doctor friend of mine. And he said if he were to give out that information, it would be considered malpractice.

First of all, let's look at -- they're encouraging multiple sex partners. That's very dangerous to kids. And second, condoms, there is no evidence that condoms are effective against preventing most forms of sexually transmitted diseases. Planned Parenthood, unfortunately, is obsessed with teaching kids how to have sex. In fact, if you go on the Teenwire Web site -- and I encourage adults to go on, because, on the Web site, in the initial page, they try and discourage adults from going into the Web site, but encourage kids to.

And once you go in, you realize why they don't want adults looking at it, very graphic, detailed information, and very inaccurate, medically inaccurate information.

**SCARBOROUGH:** Dr. Ruth, let me give you an explanation from the education director at Planned Parenthood. They said this -- quote -- "We just wanted to make a little bit easier for sexually active teens to practice safer sex." Do you buy that?

**WESTHEIMER:** I only buy that if that young person really is sexually literate, really loves the person that they are going to have sex with and has made that decision. Then I do agree that sexually active teenagers should use condoms.

But not to turn it around and to say that every teenager is going to be active. The condoms have to be available. But the decision when to be sexually, that has to be made by the youngster, and I hope has to be made on knowing with whom they are going to be sexually active, because they will never forget that first sexual intercourse episode.

**SCARBOROUGH:** Wendy Wright, you know, the latest solution to teenage pregnancy in a study in Great Britain may surprise some. They are recommending to children under 16 that they indulge in oral sex to prevent pregnancy. Do you think this type of study, what's happening with Planned Parenthood, is sending some very confusing signals to preteens and young teenagers?

**WRIGHT:** Well, this is like an anti-cigarette campaign going around and saying, use chewing tobacco instead.

They're so focused on, first, encouraging kids to be sexually active and then saying the only downside of being sexually active is getting pregnant, when, in fact, there are many other complications, including the sexually transmitted diseases. There are up to 30 different kinds of STDs and all but one can be transmitted orally and can be deadly.

So it's completely irresponsible for this so-called study -- it's really junk science -- to say that the way to cure the problem of teen pregnancy is to encourage oral sex.