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Bubble gum & abortion

Regarding Donna Myers' recitation of supposed facts, including the low incidence of abortions performed by Planned Parenthood: She can cite "facts" from Factcheck.org all she wants, but if one doesn't understand how these facts are derived, one can be deceived.

To arrive at the 97 percent figure she cites for non-abortion services, Planned Parenthood counts every "procedure" as a separate activity such as giving a teenager a birth-control pack — one procedure; taking vital signs in preparation for an abortion — another procedure, etc. So by accounting for "procedures" this way, they can reflect the 350,000 abortions they perform (they count as one giant "procedure")

as a percentage of 10.6 million procedures. Easy, deceiving math is 350,000/10,600,000 = .033. Amazing!

But suppose I stock a store with bubble gum, lollipops and assault weapons and, on average, I sell 97 bubble-gum packs and lollipops a month and only three times do I sell an assault weapon. You are outraged that I sell assault weapons to young people, but I can say, "Oh, no, I run a candy store and 97 percent of my activities are harmless candy sales!"

We at Pro-Life Waco learn of these Planned Parenthood tricks from great guest speakers we get like Abby Johnson and Carol Everett, former (and reformed) directors from the Planned Parenthood hierarchy. And that's the service that Pro-Life Waco director John Pisciotta works to provide — shedding the light of truth on this evil organization.

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