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Planned Parenthood deserves foes

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For those who believe that life begins at conception, the stark reality that abortion destroys life cannot be argued. Unless denied normal development, an embryo becomes, not a dahlia or a pink flamingo, but a human being. For Planned Parenthood, abortion is a component of its program, a "health service." The organization is a key player in the abortion industry. Documented data reveal their high profitability and reflect the culture of death permeating society today. They ratify **repeated** warnings of "the slippery slope" lying ahead.

Planned Parenthood's mantra, "Dedication to meeting the needs of area women," rejects the firm assurance that the *real* needs are already being met in Dubuque, in accord with accepted moral and medical principles. The group's mind-set evolved from the legacy of its "foremother," Margaret Sanger, founder of the first birth control clinic in Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1916.

Sanger's activism promoted uninhibited sexual freedom, unlimited birth control and eradication of blacks and "the unfit." Passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and legislation aiding the disabled have side-tracked its eugenics goals, so the group extended services to pre-teens and teenagers. Encouraging early sexual activity, it portrays pornography as "cool," and scoffs at abstinence. Issues of morality and responsible sexuality are evaded.

Sanction by any human being, regardless of race, religion, gender or political persuasion, of the destruction of a human being at any stage, is indefensible. Reason to believe that opposition to Planned Parenthood will not cease.