



PLAN B IS SUPPOSED TO DECREASE ABORTIONS

Why do pro-abortion groups fight so hard for its distribution over-the-counter?

A history and a revision of terms:

In 1998, a study of the morning-after pill was commissioned by the World Health Organization Task Force on Postovulatory Methods of Fertility Regulation. What this means in laymen's terms is that the World Health Organization knew the morning-after pill has an effect on an already-fertilized egg since this study was instituted to study those effects. Clouding the issue WHO and others needed to make a "distinction between emergency contraception and abortion, especially in countries that restrict abortion for religious reasons." They knew that they had to frame these drugs a different way, so they cast the morning-after pill as a way to reduce the need for abortion. In addition, they lobbied for a "change in terms" and a redefinition of conception from fertilization to implantation. That way they could "spin" the information to convince women that no abortion occurs in the use of the morning-after pill. According to Dr. Dianne Nutwall Irving, a former research biochemist/biologist, "there is 100% consensus" that a new human being begins his existence at fertilization. "By the time of implantation, the living human embryo is approximately already 5-7 days old. This is not a'belief' or 'opinion', but rather it is an objective scientific fact that has been known scientifically for over one hundred years." "If other scientists and physicians are not aware of these scientific facts, that is more a reflection of their lack of knowledge...rather than a reflection of any confusion on these scientific facts."

Ideas grow into plans

The UN International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo spawned an international effort by pro-abortion groups to discuss and promote the morning-after pill under the auspices of women's rights and health. Dr. Sharon Camp, the founder of Women's Capital Corporation, the original applicant to the FDA for over-the counter distribution of the morning-after pill became the "volunteer" coordinator for this effort. A consensus report was developed calling for awareness of and demand for these medications along with directives for marketing to adolescents. USAID has been involved in promoting and distributing the morning-after pill for years, mostly to economically-deprived women and girls in developing nations. In 1996, USAID began to promote the morning-after

pill throughout the non-governmental agency, Family Health International, which formed a plan of action to promote the drugs. A year later the American Society for Emergency Contraception began efforts to promote the drug as a solution for rape. The same year in collaboration with five Planned Parenthood affiliates, Dr. Sharon Camp founded the Women's Capital Corporation which is a privately-held-for-profit corporation whose shareholders are mainly private foundations, according to research by the Population Research Institute [www.pop.org] Their mission was to purchase existing or orphaned contraceptive technology from pharmaceutical companies who were afraid to market these drugs because of bad publicity from pro-life groups. The same year the FDA under the tutelage of Dr. David Kessler found that MAPs were safe and effective without an application from the drug's manufacturer (this is the same administration in the FDA that approved RU-486 under Subpart H, usually used for drugs treating fatal diseases). In 1999 FDA approved Plan B for prescription. In 2002, under a new administration, the FDA issued a Warning Letter to FDA applicant for Women's Capital Corporation concerning its unproven advertising and marketing claims designed to generate public support for and use of MAP <http://www.pharmcast.com/warningletters/Yr2002/November2002/WomensCapital120302.htm>].

Plans result in \$

In 2003 Women's Capital Corporation filed for OTC (over-the-counter) status with FDA for Plan B. Recently, Dr. Sharon Camp became the Chief Executive Officer of Alan Guttmacher Institute, the research arm of Planned Parenthood, after negotiation the sale of Women's Capital Corporation to Barr Laboratories for \$24 million. Barr Laboratories will distribute Plan B in the U.S. and abroad. [Population Research Briefing; Population Research Institute, "Morning-after Pills: Domestic and international Links, 4/2/2004]

Action Item:

Urge the FDA to NOT approve approval of the morning-after pill to be distributed over-the-counter.

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