We can tell that she is sharpening her ideological axe, too, when she uses phrases like "anti-choice fanatic" and "reproductive rights." Choice? What choice does she give to the unborn child who is literally hacked to pieces in the womb? What *choice* does Planned Parenthood give to those parents whose daughters and sons are lured into illicit sexual activity by her creed? What choice does she give to the American taxpayers — millions of them with sincere moral and religious convictions — who do not want to pay for her destructive "choices"?

"The right to choose" is one of Planned Parenthood's most overworked phrases. It is the choosing they stress and never *what* is chosen. I can say to Ms. Feldt that FRC favors choice in another way. In fact, we favor many *more* choices than she does. Among them:

- We believe young Americans and their parents should be free to choose an abstinence curriculum that will help them avoid the heartbreak of premarital sexual relations.
- We believe that when a young woman becomes pregnant outside of marriage, she should be able to choose the life-saving help of a crisis pregnancy center, free from government interference.
- We believe that couples and single parents should be free to choose whether to care for their children in their homes; seek child care from relatives, trusted friends, or church members; or, if necessary, go to a day care center run by a religious organization.
- And we believe that parents should be free to choose a safe and effective school for their children, be it a public school, religious school or home school.

These are all pro-family choices. We support them all. The choices Planned Parenthood pushes are illicit sex and abortion.

No one has been more successful than Planned Parenthood in singing the siren song of the sexual revolution. Its doctrine of "responsible sexuality" has been adopted by public agencies throughout the U.S. and much of the rest of the world — with predictably devastating results. At least 25 sexually transmitted diseases are at record levels; the number of out-of-wedlock births is astronomical; and abortion is commonplace.

Unwanted pregnancy . . . disease . . . despair. Some tribute! Some legacy! That's what 30 years of taxpayer dollars for Planned Parenthood have given us.

Every so often, someone who has wandered through the sterile examining rooms of a Planned Parenthood clinic reminds us of these empty promises.

Describing her visit to a so-called family planning clinic where she was outfitted with a diaphragm at age 15, feminist author Naomi Wolf writes, "To have adults just hand you the keys to the kingdom, ask 'Any Questions?' wave, and return to their paperwork. No experience could have been flatter" or less honest.

No one has done more to promote the message of "safe sex" and condoms than Planned Parenthood.

And yet, in the case of the rampant and incurable human papillomavirus (HPV), condoms provide no protection whatsoever. Today, 24 million Americans are infected with HPV. It is linked to over 99.7 percent of cervical cancer cases — the #2 cause of cancer deaths among women, after breast cancer. But even after having the clear and irrefutable facts handed to them, Planned Parenthood refuses to tell Americans that condoms leave millions "unprotected."

Rather, Planned Parenthood continues to tout condom use in the advice it gives to teens. Its Internet site, *Teen Wire* ("Sexuality and Relationship Info You Can Trust from Planned Parenthood Federation of America"), tells unsuspecting young Americans that "Condoms Work." It deviously mixes truth with falsehood, claiming "Abstinence is your key to remaining totally safe, but using a condom can help cut down on the chances for transmission."

By that logic, filling only one chamber of a six-chamber revolver can "cut down on the chances" of dying from playing Russian roulette. But who could morally recommend it?

For all the hundreds of millions of tax dollars Planned Parenthood has demanded and received for distributing "information" about human sexuality, only 11 percent of teens aged 15-17 and young adults aged 18-44 can even name HPV as a sexually transmitted disease — *and less than a third of these know it is incurable*.

At the dawn of a new millennium, it is time for Americans to demand truth, to demand accountability. Family Research Council will continue to pursue this fight:

- We will go to Congress to insist on the zeroing out of Planned Parenthood funding. Its record of failure — of "unwanted pregnancy, disease and despair" — warrants a swift end to its claim on the public's money.
- This year, we will go to Capitol Hill and tell our adversaries and our friends: Enough is enough! With the announced retirement of Rep. John Porter (R-Ill.), Planned Parenthood's best friend on the appropriations committee, we will ask the majority to make sure that the new head of that vital committee challenges this sex information monopoly and fights them throughout the legislative process.
- We will carry the message of Planned Parenthood's failed revolution — and of its tragic consequences for millions of young Americans — to the media and to the Internet. We will make sure that the American people, especially the young, know who is wasting their money on failed and harmful programs.
- As part of our effort, we have published Julie Makimaa and Kathy Hoffmaster's *The 'Hard Cases' of Abortion: A Pro-Life Response*. Julie is a wife and mother, on staff here at FRC, who was conceived in rape. No one can tell her moving story better than she can, or speak truth to power with greater force. Veteran pro-lifer Bob Morrison's booklet, *Vindicating the Right to Life: The Litmus Papers*, is another new FRC publication. Bob, also a staff member here, finds the right arguments to help the politician who needs to be convinced so he or she can convince others. These two booklets are a vital part of FRC's unwavering defense of life.

This year, when Americans choose a new president, hundreds of members of Congress, state legislators, and local officials, FRC will carry a pro-life message to all parties.

- We will press the Republicans to keep their pro-life plank and not to water it down or set it off with phony "tolerance" language.
- We will work with pro-life Democrats to press for legislation and to make sure their heroic voice in their party is magnified through the media.
- We will present our case to the Reform Party, opposing Jesse Ventura's thoughtless comments.