

ALL ABOUT ANTI-ABORTION FAKE CLINICS:

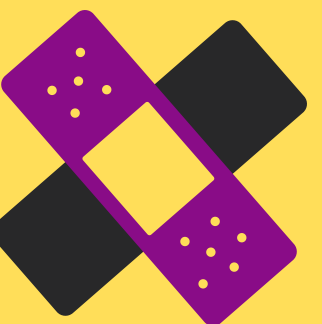
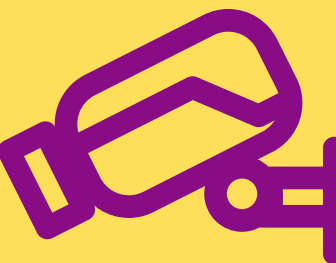


WHAT ARE THEY? FAKE CLINICS GO BY SEVERAL DIFFERENT NAMES, LIKE “PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER” AND “CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER,” BUT THEY’RE ALL THE SAME THING: ANTI-ABORTION GROUPS THAT MISLEAD AND SHAME PEOPLE SEEKING ABORTION CARE.



IN FACT, THEY ACTUALLY ARE OFTEN HIGHLY FUNDED, LITIGIOUS, AND PROVIDE INACCURATE INFORMATION. THEY MAY PRETEND TO BE MOM-AND-POP OPERATIONS, BUT BASED ON RIGOROUS RESEARCH MAINTAINED BY REPROACTION, MORE THAN 75 PERCENT OF THE FAKE CLINICS IN THE U.S. ARE AFFILIATED WITH LARGE NETWORKS WITH PLENTIFUL RESOURCES BEHIND THEM, PROTECTING AND ENHANCING THEIR EFFORTS TO STIGMATIZE AND DECEIVE PEOPLE THROUGH METICULOUSLY CRAFTED BRANDING AND ADVERTISING, LOBBYING STATE HOUSES AND COURT BATTLES, AND WITH THE HELP OF PROMINENT CONSERVATIVE LEADERS.

THERE ARE ROUGHLY 2,700 IN THE UNITED STATES, MANY OF THEM MASQUERADING AS LOW BUDGET RESOURCE CENTERS WHERE KINDLY VOLUNTEERS PROVIDE MEDICAL HELP TO PEOPLE FACING UNINTENDED PREGNANCIES.



WHAT DO THEY DO? FAKE CLINICS COAX PEOPLE IN THEIR DOORS WITH DECEPTIVE NAMES, SIGNS, [1] ONLINE ADS, AND SEARCH ENGINE OPTIMIZATION TOOLS [2] SO SOMEONE LOOKING FOR AN ABORTION CLINIC NEAR THEM WOULD SEE THEIR LISTING FIRST AND BELIEVE THAT THESE CLINICAL-LOOKING WEBSITES WITH WORDS LIKE “CHOICE” & “OPTIONS” WOULD PROVIDE A FULL SPECTRUM OF REPRODUCTIVE CARE.

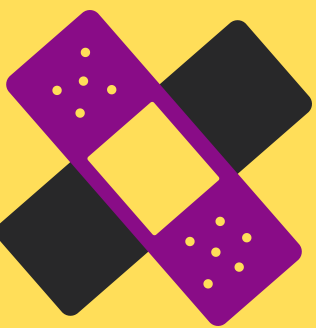


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HOW DO THEY DO IT?

SEVERAL FAKE CLINIC NETWORKS USED A TOOL THAT “GEOFENCED” WOMEN’S LOCATIONS, SENDING TARGETED ADS FOR AN ANTI-ABORTION FAKE CLINIC TO THE PHONES OF PEOPLE SITTING IN NEARBY ABORTION CLINIC WAITING ROOMS! [3]

ONCE A PERSON GETS INSIDE THE FAKE CLINIC, THE DECEPTION DEEPENS. FAKE CLINICS HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO LIE ABOUT GESTATIONAL AGE - TELLING PREGNANT PEOPLE THEY’RE EITHER TOO EARLY ALONG TO RECEIVE CARE, TOO LATE FOR A LEGAL ABORTION IN THEIR STATE, OR THEY INFLATE MISCARRIAGE RATES, WHICH COULD INFLUENCE SOMEONE WORRIED ABOUT THEIR ABILITY TO PAY OR ABOUT MEDICAL ISSUES TO WAIT FOR MISCARRIAGE. [4]

STAFF AT FAKE CLINICS HAVE ALSO OUTRIGHT LIED ABOUT THE RISKS OF ABORTION, STATING THAT IT CAUSES BREAST CANCER, INFERTILITY, DRUG ABUSE, AND SUICIDE - ALL OF WHICH HAVE BEEN DISPROVEN TIME AND AGAIN BY MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS. [4-7] ALONG WITH THE SCARE TACTICS, THEIR VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF OFTEN SHAME WOMEN FOR THEIR DECISIONS, USING FAITH, FAMILY, OR JUNK SCIENCE TO GUILT A WOMAN INTO CHANGING HER MIND. [8] ONE EVEN FORCED WOMEN TO SIGN CONTRACTS SAYING THEY WOULD CARRY TO TERM, THEN SENT THEM TO NEARBY ABORTION CLINICS THREATENING LEGAL ACTION IF PATIENTS RECEIVED SERVICES THERE! [9, 17]

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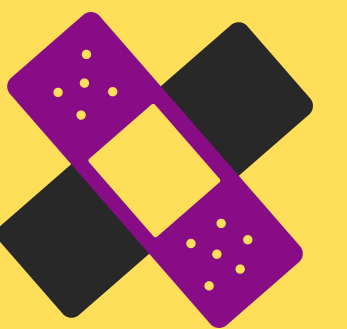
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WHO PAYS FOR ANTI-ABORTION FAKE CLINICS?

(AND WHEN MANY DEPEND HEAVILY ON VOLUNTEER LABOR AND DONATED SUPPLIES, WHAT DO THEY DO WITH THAT MONEY ANYWAY?)



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11) <https://www.ksl.com/article/43521750/agency-sues-over-audit-of-grants-to-counsel-pregnant-women>

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13) <http://americanindependent.com/210920/the-rising-power-of-crisis-pregnancy-centers>

WHILE MANY FAKE CLINICS RECEIVE HEFTY DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE ENTITIES, [2] TAXPAYERS SUBSIDIZE THEM AT A SHOCKING PRICE. AT LEAST SEVEN STATES - INDIANA, MICHIGAN, MISSOURI, NORTH DAKOTA, OHIO, PENNSYLVANIA, AND TEXAS - HAVE SIPHONED OFF TENS OF MILLIONS IN FEDERAL TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) GRANTS TO INSUFFICIENTLY REGULATED, TAX-EXEMPT GROUPS. THAT MEANS WELFARE FUNDING INTENDED TO FEED HUNGRY CHILDREN GOES TO FAKE CLINICS THAT PROVIDE FLIMSY REASONS FOR THEIR USE OF FEDERAL MONEY, IF THEY JUSTIFY IT AT ALL. [10]

REAL ALTERNATIVES, A FAKE CLINIC NETWORK IN PENNSYLVANIA, WAS FOUND TO HAVE MISUSED AS MUCH AS 1 MILLION IN STATE DOLLARS AS PART OF THEIR \$30 MILLION, FIVE-YEAR GRANT, AND WAS INVESTIGATED IN OTHER STATES, AS WELL. THEIR CONTRACT WITH THE PA STATE GOVERNMENT REMAINED IN EFFECT DESPITE THIS, AND THEY OPERATE IN AND CONSULT IN OTHER STATES. ANOTHER ORGANIZATION IN TEXAS CALLED THE HEIDI GROUP HAD SIMILAR QUESTIONABLE FINANCIAL PRACTICES, AND WAS RECENTLY ORDERED TO PAY THE STATE BACK \$1.5 MILLION OF THEIR \$7 MILLION STATE CONTRACT. THE OBRIA GROUP, WHICH RECENTLY RECEIVED FEDERAL GRANTS TOTALING \$1.7 MILLION, IS ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE SHADY FINANCES AND EXORBITANTLY HIGH PAYMENTS TO THEIR CEO AND TOP STAFF. [11, 20]

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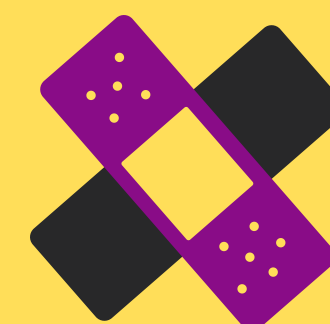
FAKE CLINICS & 'GAG RULE':

THE GLOBAL GAG RULE (ALSO KNOWN AS THE MEXICO CITY POLICY) IS A CRUEL AND DANGEROUS ANTI-ABORTION POLICY THAT RISKS THE HEALTH AND LIVES OF PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD. IT PREVENTS FOREIGN ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING U.S. GLOBAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE FROM PROVIDING INFORMATION REFERRALS, OR SERVICES FOR LEGAL ABORTION OR ADVOCATING FOR ACCESS TO ABORTION IN THEIR COUNTRY - EVEN WITH THEIR OWN MONEY.



WE KNOW THAT TRUMP'S DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES HAS MADE IT A PRIORITY TO FUND FAKE CLINICS WITH TAXPAYER DOLLARS THROUGH TITLE X FUNDING - THEY ALREADY HAVE STARTED. THE FAKE CLINIC CHAIN 'OBRIA' HAS ALREADY RECEIVED MILLIONS IN FEDERAL FUNDS THAT OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE GONE TO REAL COMPREHENSIVE SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS.

THE DOMESTIC "GAG RULE" CHANGES THE REQUIREMENTS HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS MUST MEET TO RECEIVE FEDERAL MONEY VIA TITLE X, THE FEDERAL FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN 1970. IT PROVIDES \$286 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE SERVICES LIKE BIRTH CONTROL, MAMMOGRAMS & SCREENINGS FOR BREAST CANCER AND CERVICAL CANCER. AND FAKE CLINICS ARE ITCHING FOR THAT POT OF MONEY.



NOW THAT THESE REAL PROVIDERS ARE LOSING ACCESS TO THESE FUNDING SOURCES, MANY HAVE TO CLOSE, OR SEVERELY CHANGE AND SCALE BACK THEIR OPERATIONS. AND FAKE CLINIC NETWORKS - DOMESTICALLY AND GLOBALLY - ARE TRYING TO SUCK UP THOSE FUNDS.

FAKE CLINICS OFFER CLASSES AND INSTRUCTION MANUALS FOR THEIR CENTER OPERATORS TO APPLY FOR GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR VARIOUS ISSUES LIKE SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION, SEX EDUCATION, AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND COUNSELING, WHICH MEANS ACTUAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN THOSE FIELDS COULD GO UNFUNDED. [12-14] ADDITIONALLY, THROUGH THE SALE OF "LIFE" LICENSE PLATES IN 32 STATES, TAXPAYERS ARE OFTEN DONATING PROCEEDS DIRECTLY TO LOCAL FAKE CLINICS. [11]



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WOMEN OF COLOR, WOMEN EXPERIENCING POVERTY, AND RURAL WOMEN, WHO OFTEN HAVE LESS ACCESS AND FEWER OPTIONS FOR HEALTH CARE GENERALLY, AND ARE ALSO AGGRESSIVELY TARGETED FOR RECRUITMENT BY FAKE CLINICS. ONE BIG CHAIN'S EFFORT TO REACH WOMEN OF COLOR WAS DUBBED "URBAN INITIATIVE."^[15]

WHO IS HARMED BY ANTI-ABORTION FAKE CLINICS?



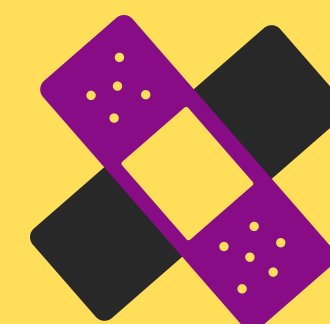
PEOPLE FACING INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT, WHO NEED UNBIASED HELP AND RESOURCES, AND INSTEAD FACE STIGMA, DEVALUATION, AND CLINICAL INCOMPETENCE FROM STAFF WHO ARE OFTEN UNLICENSED AND NOT MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS. THIS MEANS THEY AREN'T MANDATED TO COMPLY WITH HIPAA PRIVACY STANDARDS, VITAL FOR SURVIVORS' PERSONAL SAFETY SO THEY CAN MAKE DECISIONS FOR THEMSELVES WITHOUT FEAR OF FURTHER VICTIMIZATION. [5, 16]



YOUTH, WHO ARE DOUBLY VICTIMIZED BY FAKE CLINICS: WHEN THEY MISTAKENLY GO TO ONE NOT KNOWING IT'S A SHAM, AND WHEN FAKE CLINIC STAFF COMES TO THEM AT SCHOOL ... MANY FAKE CLINICS OFFER ABSTINENCE-ONLY EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, WHICH STUDIES HAVE FOUND TO HAVE DAMAGING PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. [8, 17]



TANF BENEFICIARIES, WHOSE FUNDING POOL IS WHITTLED DOWN BY ANTI-ABORTION FAKE CLINICS USING AND MISUSING MONEY THAT SHOULD BE FEEDING THEIR HUNGRY FAMILIES.



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HOW DEEP DOES THEIR PROLIFERATION OF BAD FAITH MEDICINE GO? FAKE CLINICS ARE PUSHING AN UNPROVEN, UNETHICAL THEORETICAL TREATMENT CALLED "ABORTION PILL REVERSAL":



WHEN PRESCRIBED, ABORTION WITH PILLS WORKS LIKE THIS: A PERSON TAKES A FIRST MEDICATION, MIFEPRISTONE, WHICH BLOCKS PROGESTERONE FROM REACHING A PREGNANCY THAT HAD BEEN DEVELOPING. THEN, A PERSON TAKES A SECOND MEDICATION, MISOPROSTOL, WHICH CAUSES THE UTERUS TO CONTRACT. SO, ABORTION OPPONENTS INVENTED A THEORY: AFTER A PERSON WHO HAS DECIDED TO HAVE AN ABORTION WITH PILLS TAKES THE FIRST MEDICATION, MIFEPRISTONE, ANTI-ABORTION ACTIVISTS ATTEMPT TO "REVERSE" THE ABORTION BY ADMINISTERING LARGE AMOUNTS OF PROGESTERONE, USING NON-STANDARDIZED DOSAGES AND METHODS. THEN THE PERSON IS INSTRUCTED NOT TO TAKE MISOPROSTOL. [1] ANTI-ABORTION FAKE CLINICS HAVE BEGUN PROVIDING AND REFERRING FOR THIS UNPROVEN, POSSIBLY DANGEROUS TREATMENT.



THE FAKE CLINIC NETWORK HEARTBEAT INTERNATIONAL OPERATES A HOTLINE THAT INSTRUCTS PEOPLE TO INTERRUPT THEIR MEDICATION ABORTIONS AND REFERS THEM TO FAKE CLINICS AND ANTI-ABORTION CLINICIANS WHO ADMINISTER THE QUESTIONABLE REGIMEN.



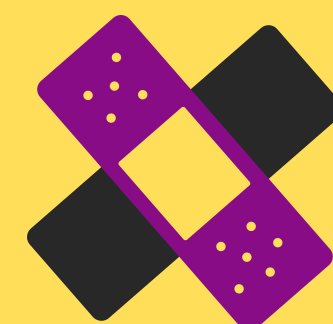
WITHOUT REGARD FOR SAFETY, ABORTION OPPONENTS HAVE NOT BOTHERED TO PUT THEIR THEORY OF ABORTION PILL REVERSAL TO ACCEPTED METHODS OF SCIENTIFIC TESTING AND REVIEW. INSTEAD, THEY HAVE EXPERIMENTED ON PEOPLE WITHOUT FULLY INFORMING THEM THEY ARE SUBJECTS IN AN EXPERIMENT, JOINING A TROUBLING HISTORY IN THE UNITED STATES OF NON-CONSENSUAL MEDICAL EXPERIMENTATION ESPECIALLY TARGETING PEOPLE OF COLOR.



THE ANTI-ABORTION MOVEMENT CONTENDS THE SEXIST IDEA THAT WOMEN ARE INDECISIVE AND INCAPABLE OF MAKING DECISIONS. IN REALITY, RESEARCH HAS SHOWN 99 PERCENT OF WOMEN WHO HAVE ABORTIONS DO NOT REGRET THEM. [2] "ABORTION PILL REVERSAL" IS YET ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF FAKE CLINICS PUSHING SEXIST, DANGEROUS, #BADFAITHMEDICINE.



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FAKE CLINICS ALSO HARM PEOPLE WHO ARE KEEPING THEIR PREGNANCIES BUT DESIRE COUNSELING OR MATERIAL RESOURCES WITHOUT A SIDE OF INACCURATE INFORMATION ABOUT ABORTION. FAKE CLINICS PREY UPON PREGNANT PEOPLE, BUT THEY DO NOT EXIST TO HELP THEM OVER THE LONG HAUL OF SUPPORTING THEIR FAMILIES. THEY EXIST TO SHAME ABORTION, PERIOD. [19]

IN CONCLUSION:

NO MATTER WHAT YOUR POLITICS OR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS ARE, IT SHOULD BE A GIVEN THAT PEOPLE FACING IMPORTANT MEDICAL DECISIONS DESERVE ACCESS TO ACCURATE, UNBIASED, AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR HEALTHCARE, AND SHOULD KNOW IF THE PLACE THEY'RE SEEKING THAT CARE FROM ISN'T WHAT IT PRETENDS TO BE. FURTHERMORE, CENTERS THAT EXIST PURELY TO DISSUADE WOMEN FROM DECISIONS THEY HAVE ALREADY MADE FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES SHOULD NOT RECEIVE TAXPAYER DOLLARS TO SHAME & DECEIVE PEOPLE JUST BECAUSE THEY HAVE A BEEF WITH ABORTION.

LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW TO FIGHT ANTI-ABORTION FAKE CLINICS AT [REPROACTION.ORG](https://reproaction.org)

REPROACTION IS A DIRECT ACTION GROUP FORMED TO INCREASE ACCESS TO ABORTION AND ADVANCE REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE. WE ARE BUILDING POWER, HOLDING ABORTION OPPONENTS ACCOUNTABLE, AND GIVING ABORTION A PERMANENT SEAT AT THE PROGRESSIVE TABLE.

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