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antiabortion. I believe that. 1 am antiabortion. Unfortunately, some of those who I wish would pay attention to this subject more won't believe that. They don't think I know what I'm...what I think myself. I am deeply troubled about that. But I rise today not to respond to any of the other things being said except for Planned Parenthood. I am deeply upset with the attempt to demonize Planned Parenthood instead of dealing with the issues before us of too many abortions. outrageous. It's not truthful. It's distracting. We should be joined together to deal with the number of abortions and to reduce them. If a person is pro-life, they should be doing something about the number of abortions instead of demonizing others who, frankly, are working on the same agenda, the same goal. I am antiabortion. I have offered, when I came down here, to work with anybody who would be willing to reduce the number of abortions. I offered it several times in press, in public, and so on. Only one organization responded -- Planned Parenthood. They have presented their program. I've gone over it with them. They are doing more, in my judgment, to reduce the number of abortions than anybody else out there, and I'm including the ones that have been mentioned several times. connected with Planned Parenthood in one way or another for over 30 years. I've been a counselor with pregnant women, most of Not once have I ever suggested abortion. That them young. would be an outrageous piece of counseling. Never was I asked to discuss or present abortion, never, not once. It's an outrageous "distruth" to pretend that I am being instructed in this way or that my fellow counselors were. I invited Planned Parenthood to come to my youth...to my youth group and talk about it. They described the process of birth and talked about abstinence. I was there. And right-to-life types of people came along and told me that they knew what those people said there, and that they really were doing this or that and, you know, trying to give out contraceptives to these kids. I was there. This is outrageous distortion of truth to tell me that Planned Parenthood is coming into my church to try to promote abortion or contraceptives for youth or anything else like that. Planned Parenthood has worked hard to reduce the number of abortions and, in my judgment, which, you know, there's no way of proving this, from my perspective they have done more to reduce the number of abortions in my area, in my congregation,